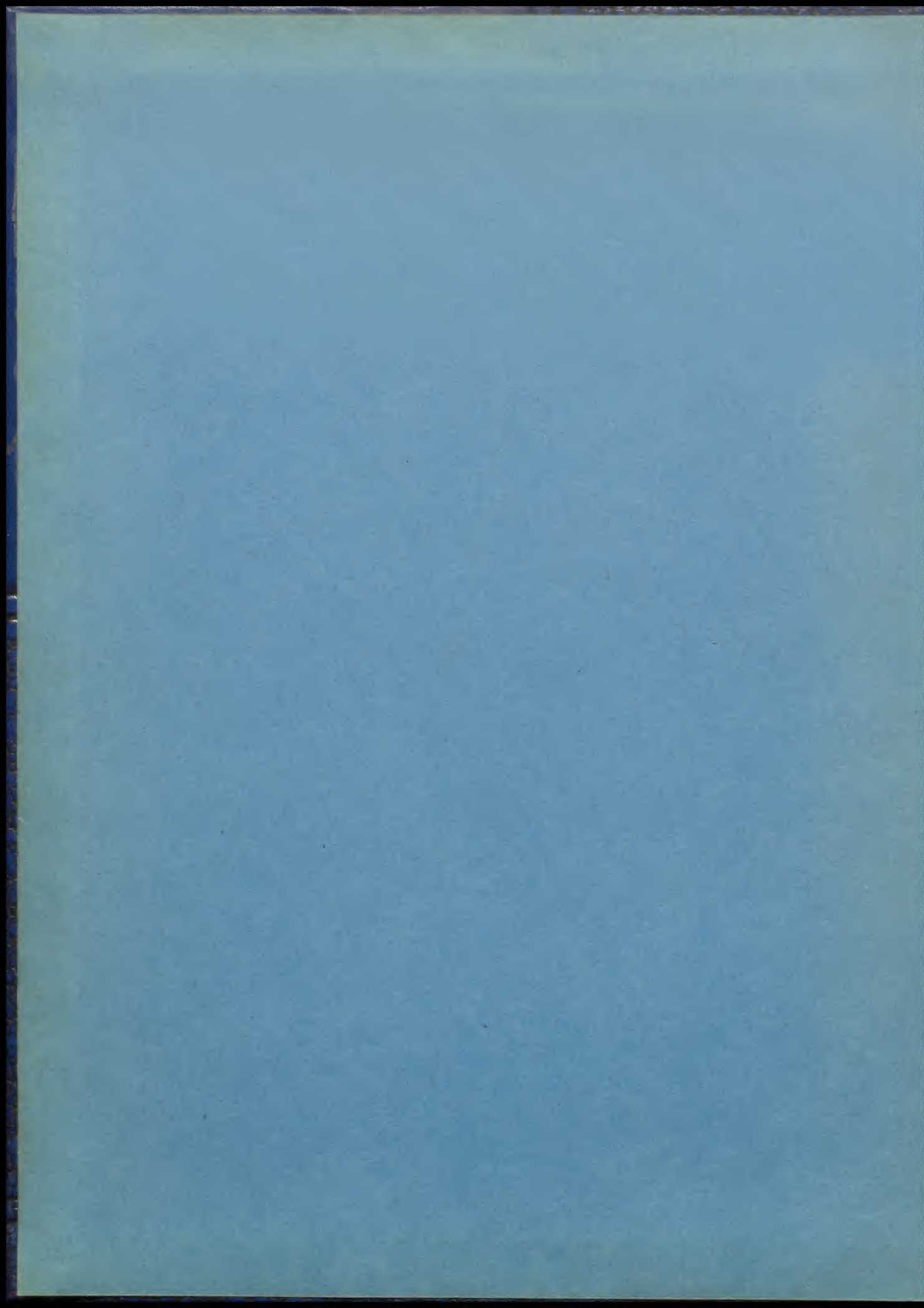
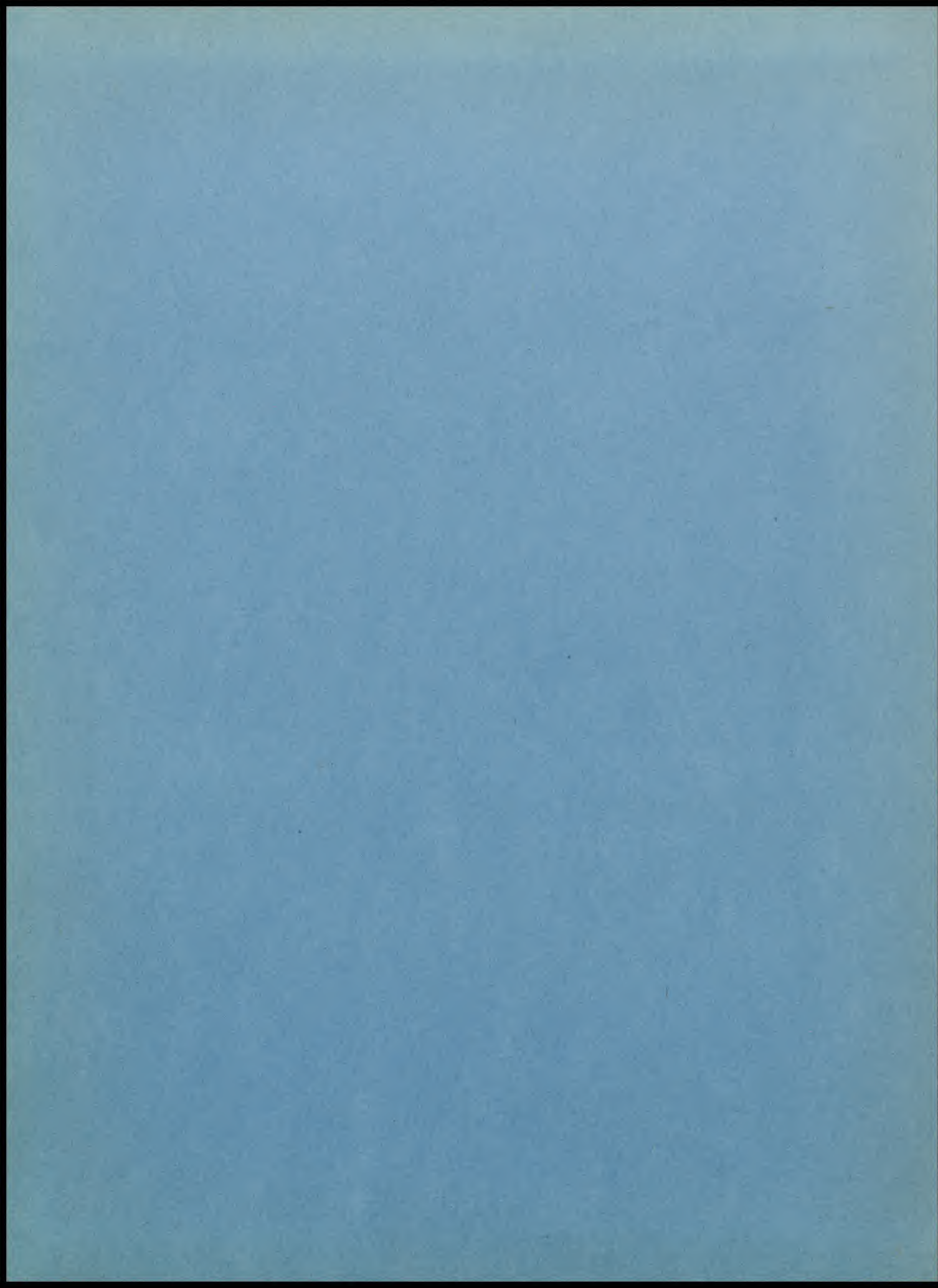




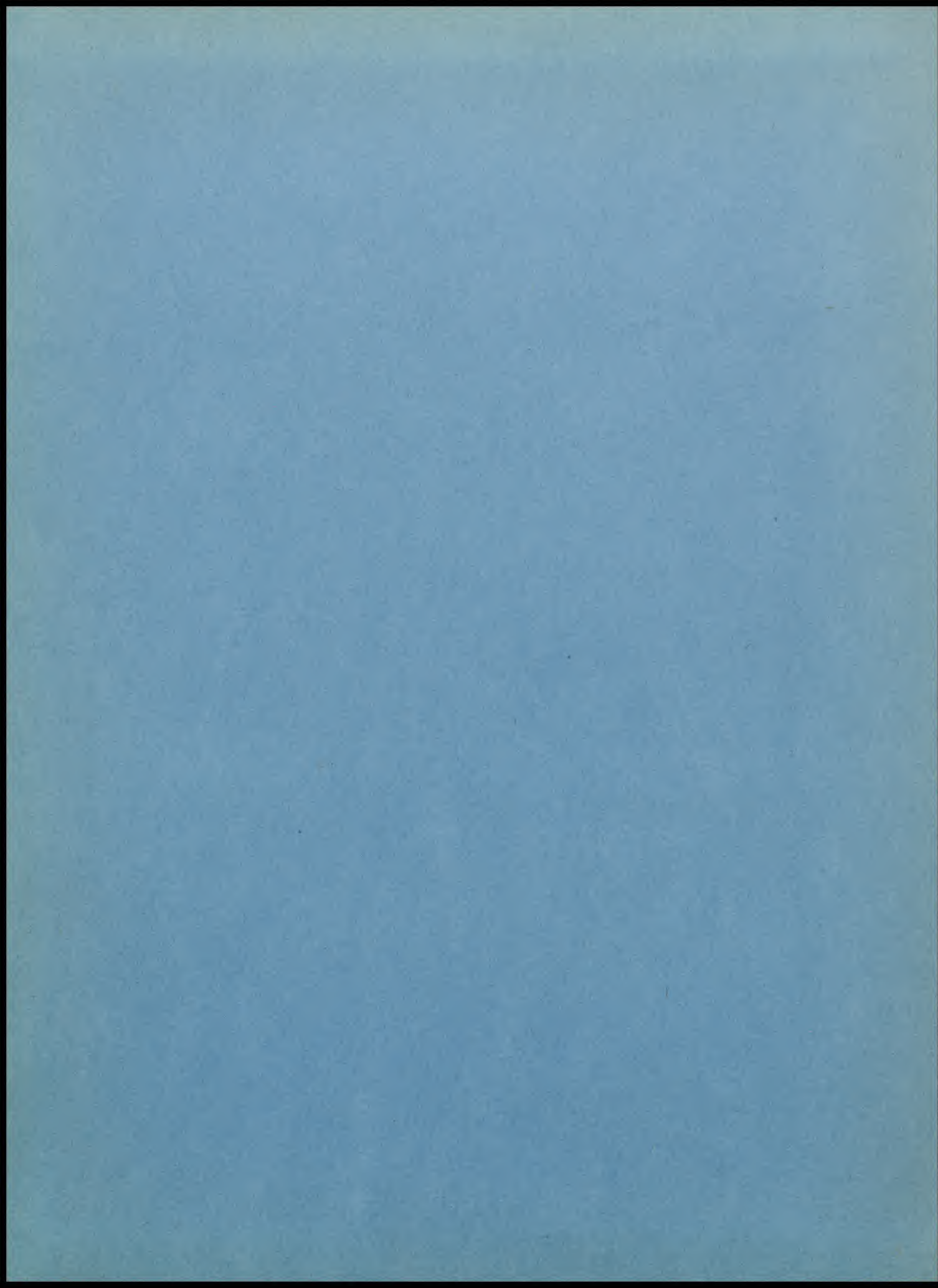
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METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL  
Metuchen, New Jersey

## FOREWORD

A passenger boards his train and settles down for his journey, whether long or short. A freshman enters high school. He may settle down or he may not. His train has a long way to go, and he may think, "Why worry now?" The average commuter usually reads or watches the scenery go by. The average freshman usually watches the scenery. In school or on the 3:54, people come and people go. Several stops go by; the passenger is uninterested; the student isn't looking. But wait! The final stop is approaching; loose ends are gathered up hurriedly. The traveler leaves the train. Mission completed! The student leaves the school; his mission is completed, too. He has left the warmth and security of the train. He may board another, but may he never forget that first sentimental journey through high school, a journey which we are attempting to present in panorama in this Blue Letter.



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# LETTER

OUGH METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL



## DEDICATION

Remember the time you craned your neck and stretched your legs to see that deciding touchdown over the head of that tall boy in front of you?

Remember when Highland Park's band marched out with banners flying and Metuchen's band was a dream that never seemed to come true?

These memories now belong to the past for this year the Dads' Booster Club came into existence.

This past football season, you may have stretched a little at times and you may have had to yell "down in front," but, at least, you had the satisfaction of knowing there was solid board underneath you and you could rest your weary bones if you felt like it. You see, we had grandstands, this year.

This year Highland Park's band came marching down the field and Metuchen High's band came up to meet it.

Much of the credit for making this year a year of changes for the better for Metuchen goes to the Dads' Booster Club. To this group, we should like to dedicate our Blue Letter, as a very small token of our appreciation for what they have done for us and for the school.



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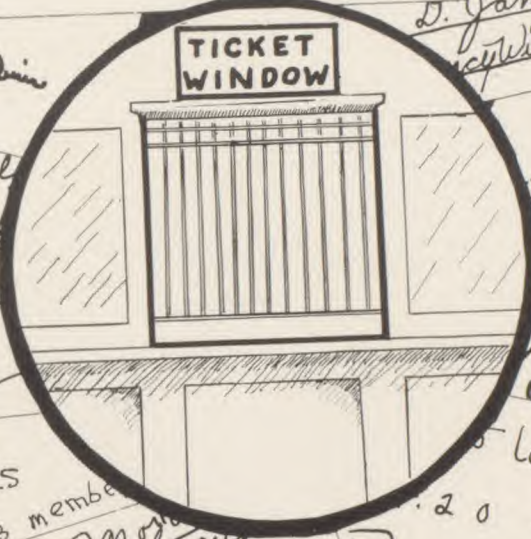
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She was keeping me -  
Jan. 22, 1946 -  
L O. Cooke

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PAUL GRAPES  
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Pass to Mary  
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Wanda M. Pettit

Wynetta  
Room 28  
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E. Tallbott

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Katey Kora  
4th period  
1/46  
J. McCready

To Office  
Dorothy Saunders  
11/26/45

under

# Administration





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## To the CLASS of 1946:

Learning has always been held in respect. Persons of superior knowledge have at all times in history been accorded special honors and, even in times of great conflict, learning is respected by warring powers.

A high school education is the foundation of greater learning. It is a privilege which is enjoyed by youth in our land because it is realized that only from education can come the advancement of the nation. Graduates of 1946 should consider that they have laid a good foundation upon which to build for the future.

SHERWOOD H. MUNDY





## To the Graduates

... from  
MR. SPOERL  
"Our Conductor"



## To the Seniors

... and, now, Class of 1946, you are about to graduate, about to go into the world where your deeds will be your own responsibility. Whether you go on in education or enter business or industry, after high school Commencement Day, very few of you will find, as you have in high school, the guiding hand of anyone, except your parents, to lead you back on the "straight and narrow path" if you stray. You will have to carve your own niche in this world. Further, that niche will be only as comfortable as you make it. My wish for you is that it will be very comfortable and toward that end may I leave a last thought with you. All of you will not wear mink coats, or travel extensively, or own fleets of beautiful automobiles, or be able to write your checks in many figures. That is not the way of life. But all can be happy, and the best way to reach that state is to do your best in some honorable line of work that provides sustenance, and then give a heavy percentage of your remaining time to service. Learn to work with and for your neighbor and fellow townsman. Support by act and influence everything constructive that will lead to a better life in your government, your church, your school, and your home. Cooperate with the other fellow. Even if your ways are not his ways, extend your hand and, with a smile, step forward to meet him; then, don't be surprised when you find him acting the same toward you. Such endeavors on your part will take a lot of patience and time with very rarely any cash reward, but they will pay dividends much more valuable and desirable than money.

ELMO E. SPOERL





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pital—School Nurse.



# CLASS PASSPORTS

## SENIOR CLASS

President ..... Carl Sagmuller  
 Vice-President ..... Mary Ann De Andrea  
 Secretary ..... Phyllis Varga  
 Treasurer ..... Dorothy Kaepernick

*Activities:* Senior Dance, November 30; Senior Play, March 14, 15; Commencement Day, June 13.

## JUNIOR CLASS

President ..... Rose Quagliarello  
 Vice-President ..... Malvin Schwalje  
 Secretary ..... Peggy Doyle  
 Treasurer ..... Olga Semchuk

*Activities:* Junior Dance, March 8; Junior-Senior Prom, May 24

## SOPHOMORE CLASS

President ..... Joseph Ferenczi  
 Vice-President ..... Joyce Christophersen  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Mary Cobb

*Activities:* Sophomore Dance, April 5.

## FRESHMAN CLASS

President ..... Jerry Salomone  
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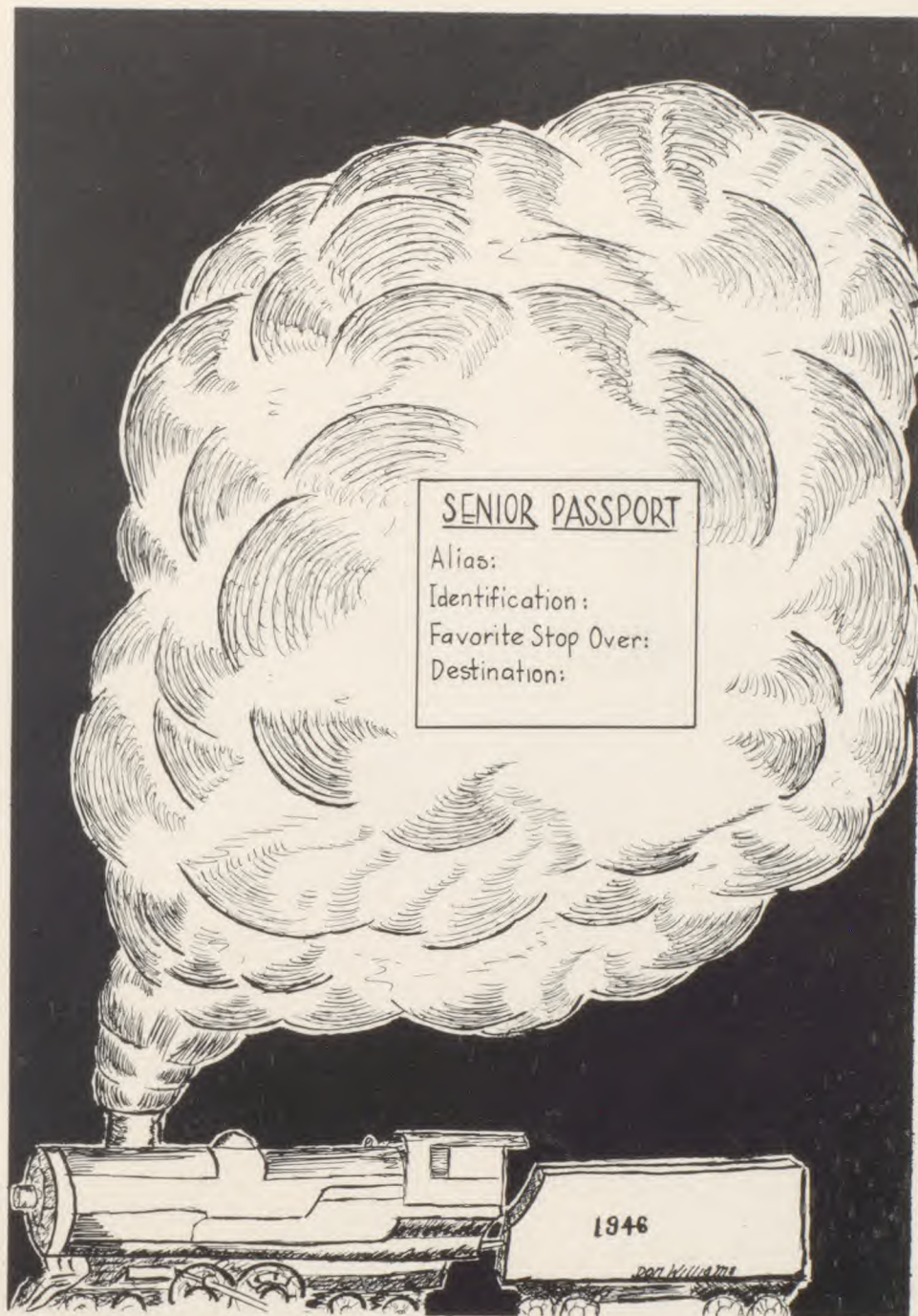
*Activities:* Freshman Dance, May 3.

## JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

President ..... Roger Johnson  
 Vice-President ..... Gilbert Poulsen  
 Secretary ..... Joan Groben  
 Treasurer ..... Joyce Steiner

*Activities:* Sunset Dance, April 12; Cooky Sale; Graduation Dance, May 10; Intramural baseball.





## “THE PASSENGERS”

A train which never carried passengers would look rather peculiar, wouldn't it? A school, whose students are missing, would be downright peculiar. Here you see the seniors about to leave, but aren't you also wondering about the juniors, who are just about at the top of the grade, the sophomores who are pretty proud of rounding that first sharp curve, and the freshmen, who are riding Pullman for the first time? There is the Junior High too, pretty special, with their own government; there are the eighth graders, seasoned coach travelers, and the seventh graders for whom we hope this book will serve as an introduction to their future years in M.H.S.

Well, the seniors are feeling pretty superior in their own special section, but the rest of M.H.S. is riding this train, too, and here they come!



# Senior Class Officers



**CARL J. SAGMULLER**

*President*

*"Sag" . . . efficiency a la Emily Post . . . everywhere at once . . . engineer.*

German Club, Science Club, Footlighters, Library Club.



**MARY ANN J. DE ANDREA**

*Vice-President*

*"Dee" . . . chrysanthemums and football games . . . Thompson's . . . airline stewardess.*

G.A.A., Tri-Y, Glee Club, Twirling, Footlighters, Cheering, Junior-Senior Prom, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Basketball, Middionettes, Student Government.



**PHYLLIS J. VARGA**

*Secretary*

*"Phil" . . . teddy bears and muffs . . . Room 30 . . . private secretary.*

G.A.A., Junior-Senior Prom, Blue Letter, Teen Town, Hub, B. and W. Service Center, Secretary of Cabinet.



**DOROTHY KAEPERNIK**

*Treasurer*

*"Dot" . . . busy as a bee . . . waiting for a bus . . . dress designing.*

G.A.A., Glee Club, Blue Letter, Basketball, Teen Town, Hub.

**Nancy Lou Abbott**

"Hon" . . . jingling bracelets . . . Martin's . . . private secretary.

G.A.A., Tri-Y, Glee Club, Modern Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Teen Town, B. and W. Service Center.



**Donald Arnold**

"Don" . . . wind-swept hair . . . any lively class discussion . . . farming.



**Gloria M. Arrojo**

"Cloe" . . . blonde allure . . . Sweet Shoppe . . . dress designing.

Tri-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter.



**Harold M. Babcock**

"Buddy" . . . grinning insouciance . . . Piscataway . . . forestry.

Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter.



**James W. Beagle**

"Jim" . . . brawny enigma . . . Seldow's . . . architecture.

Football, Basketball, Track.



**Helen M. Bereheiko**

"Helen" . . . mountain brook tranquility . . . a quiet corner . . . private secretary.

Glee Club, Blue Letter, Teen Town, Hub.



**Marjorie C. Birmingham**

"Margie" . . . intellect incognito . . . walking downtown . . . foreign correspondent.

Glee Club, French Club, Blue Letter.



**John C. Boeddinghaus**

"Jack" . . . casual Casanova . . . Woodbridge rat races . . . agriculture.







**William P. Bors**

"Bill" . . . a study in blushes . . . antics in French class . . . forestry.



**Randolph T. Bramwell**

"Randy" . . . a microphone and pantomime . . . "Mr. President" . . . that house on Lake Avenue . . . industrial engineering.

Varsity Club, Hi-Y, Pres. Stud. Gov't., Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Football, Basketball, Golf, Tennis.



**Mary Anne Brown**

"Mary Anne" . . . soft music and Dresden china . . . a quiet corner with paints . . . nursing.

G.A.A., Glee Club, French Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter.



**Mildred Brown**

"Brownie" . . . Puck at a typewriter . . . behind a prank . . . secretary.

G.A.A., Glee Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Basketball, Teen Town, Hub.



**Barbara Jane Bruner**

"Bobbie" . . . pink lemonade on a summer day . . . "Y" Co-Ed Nite . . . nursing.

G.A.A., Tri-Y, Glee Club, French Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Mid-dionettes.



**Lawrence K. Carlbon**

"Dale" . . . fabulous fables with ease . . . driving through the park . . . advertising agent.

Hi-Y, Latin Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Golf, Tennis, Library, Pres. of Class (10).



**Jean A. Carollo**

"Jean" . . . "Moonlight Sonata" a la Gershwin . . . Luigi's . . . dancing.

G.A.A., Tri-Y, Glee Club, Sec'y. School Spirit, Modern Dance, Footlighters, Cheering, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol.



**William J. Carter**

"Bill" . . . caterpillar eyebrows and sartorial splendor . . . corner candy store . . . insurance agent.

Library Club.





**Donald F. Chambers**

"Don" . . . "Butch" Jenkins, high school style . . . Seldow's . . . engineering.

**Helen Christensen**

"Chewy" . . . chit-chattiness of a sparrow . . . football field . . . stenography.

Blue Letter.

**Mildred Cillis**

"Millie" . . . "the gleam in her hair puts that gleam in your eye" . . . chats with Helen . . . secretary.

Glee Club, Blue Letter, Teen Town, Hub.

**Beverly L. Clausen**

"Ber" . . . fireside chats on a rainy day . . . New Brunswick visits . . . medical technician.

French Club, Latin Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



**Sanford S. Cole**

"Scole" . . . six kittens and a ball of wool . . . Costa's for concoctions . . . chemist.

Hi-Y, German Club, Science Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Football, Track, Varsity Club.

**William L. Cronk**

"Bill" . . . bass viol at dusk . . . the "Y" . . . journalism.

Hi-Y, Sec'y. of State, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Basketball.

**Donald K. Davis**

"Don" . . . bull in a china shop . . . Betty's . . . dairy farming.

Varsity Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Football, Basketball.

**Gerald I. Day**

"Gerry" . . . baystacks and fishing poles . . . any barn dance . . . farming.

Track.







**Ruth E. Dedecius**

*"Dede" . . . angora and bubbles . . . with Rose and Margaret . . . pianist.*

Glee Club, German Club, Middionettes, Hub,



**Margaret Donnan**

*"Margie" . . . kind words and helping hands . . . roller skating rinks . . . primary teacher.*

Library, German Club, Latin Club, Tumbling.



**Robert Dohrman**

*"Bob" . . . blond rabbit . . . reading magazines in the library . . . aeronautical engineer.*

German Club, Basketball.



**Erika Elling**

*"Erika" . . . sunshine on a crisp autumn day . . . room 26 . . . journalist.*

Tri-Y, Glee Club, French Club, German Club, Science Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Middionettes.



**Virginia W. Falkiewicz**

*"Ginny" . . . ginger ale for the crowd . . . Martin's for refreshments . . . Physical Ed. teacher.*

G.A.A., Tri-Y, Glee Club, Modern Dance, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Basketball, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol.



**Mary Irene Farrington**

*"May" . . . ocean breeze in July . . . proudly driving that car . . . architectural work.*

G.A.A., Tri-Y, Glee Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Basketball, Middionettes, Band, Tennis.



**Rose M. Fendics**

*"Rosie" . . . the gayety of New Year's Eve . . . first cafeteria table . . . nursing.*

G.A.A., Glee Club, German Club, Middionettes.



**Blanche V. Flash**

*"Flash" . . . a misty veil and dreamy eyes . . . out of town . . . dress designing.*

Blue Letter, Hall Patrol.





## Jean I. Fraley

"Jean" . . . gingham and hay rides . . . riding in a blue "coupe" . . . interior decorating.

Blue Letter.

## Geraldine D. Gibbs

"Jerry" . . . moonlight ride on the desert . . . capably twirling that baton . . . private secretary.

Science Club, Twirling, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Hub, B. and W. Service Center, Tumbling.

## Joan M. Gilbert

"Joan" . . . a power dive . . . the shore . . . actress.

G.A.A., Tri-Y, Glee Club, Modern Dance, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Teen Town, B. and W. Service Center.

## Edith J. Goldsmith

"Edie" . . . a starry, mid-summer night . . . Sweet Shoppe for cokes . . . English teacher.

Glee Club, French Club, Latin Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Basketball, Tumbling.



## Marilyn D. Goldsmith

"Mar" . . . fawn-like loveliness . . . pushing bicycle pedals . . . photography.

Glee Club, French Club, Science Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter.

## Ann Marie Gulton

"Marian" . . . nutcracker suite . . . reading good books . . . psychologist.

G.A.A., Glee Club, French Club, German Club, Latin Club, Science Club, Modern Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Middionettes, Supreme Court.

## William E. Gulya

"Bill" . . . Bacchus for revelry . . . Oak Tree . . . carpenter.

Varsity Club, Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Football, Basketball.

## Chris C. Hansen

"Chris" . . . cricket on the hearth . . . the dark room . . . candid photographer.

Science Club, Blue Letter.







**Neal B. Hansen**

*"Bubby" . . . "a rolling stone gathers no moss" . . . "Pat" and that jalopy . . . electrician.*

Varsity Club, Football, Hall Patrol, Track.



**Robert W. Hansen**

*Bob" . . . speckled sun fish . . . "Can You Top This?" program . . . merchant.*

Hi-Y.



**Virginia K. Hauck**

*"Chicken" . . . kitten coyness . . . gab sessions in library . . . model.*

Glee Club, Science Club, Modern Dance, Blue Letter, Tumbling.



**Vivienne D. Herrick**

*"Viv" . . . strawberry short cake . . . East Brunswick . . . journalist.*

Modern Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Band, Teen Town, B. and W. Service Center.



**Idella M. Horn**

*"Della" . . . frosty clearness of a winter morning . . . blowing that Buick horn . . . secretary.*

Blue Letter.



**Eddie A. Jacobsen**

*"Ed" . . . Jose Iturbi . . . near a piano . . . concert pianist.*

Glee Club, Footlighters, Orchestra.



**Claudia J. Janisch**

*"Claudia" . . . a graceful willow . . . always with the gang . . . secretary.*

G.A.A., Glee Club, Blue Letter, Teen Town, Hub.



**Robert C. Jensen**

*"Bob" . . . blondness and blandness . . . good times with the boys . . . aeronautical engineer.*

Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Golf, Library Club.





**Elsie C. Johnson**

"Else" . . . spaniel friend-  
liness . . . Katz's . . . sec-  
retary.

G.A.A., Jr.-Sr. Prom,  
Blue Letter, Hall Patrol,  
Band, Teen Town, Hub,  
B. and W. Service Center.

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"Herbie" . . . "smoke gets  
in your eyes" . . . football  
field . . . lawyer.

Varsity Club, Hi-Y, Jr.-  
Sr. Prom, Football, Bas-  
ketball.

**Mildred Anne Kieser**

"Millie" . . . dew drop  
daintiness . . . stationery  
counters . . . nursing.

G.A.A., Tri-Y, Glee  
Club, French Club, Jr.-  
Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Pa-  
trol, Middionettes.

**Dolores A. Kinder**

"Kay" . . . pulchritude and  
pallets . . . walking home  
after Co-Ed . . . commer-  
cial artist.

G.A.A., Glee Club, Ger-  
man Club, Twirling, Mod-  
ern Dance, Blue Letter,  
Basketball, Tumbling.



**James J. Knox**

"Jimmy" . . . hammocks  
and armchairs . . . back  
seat ride on a motorcycle  
. . . business executive.

Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

**William P. Koster**

"Billie" . . . argumenta-  
tive Midas . . . classrooms  
after 3:11 . . . chemistry.

Hi-Y, German Club,  
Science Club, Blue Letter,  
Supreme Court (Attorney  
General).

**Mary Annette Kramerich**

"Mary" . . . Organdie and  
lace frills . . . getting away  
from it all . . . secretary.

G.A.A., Modern Dance,  
Blue Letter, Basketball,  
Teen Town, Hub.

**Russell M. Laustsen**

"Rusty" . . . bare foot boy  
with cheeks of tan . . .  
wilds of New Market . . .  
aeronautical engineering.

Varsity Club, Footligh-  
ters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Football,  
Library Club, Stud. Gov't.







**Suzanne Adele Letson**

*"Sue" . . . flood of golden sunshine . . . riding in a certain Ford . . . Physical Ed. teacher.*

G.A.A., Glee Club, Footlighters, Cheering, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Basketball, Middionettes.



**Rosemarie Linczyk**

*"Linc" . . . fireball of energy . . . playing a hard game of basketball . . . secretary.*

G.A.A., Glee Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Basketball, Teen Town, Hub.



**Harold J. Lopez**

*"Harry" . . . football, fooling, and Fords . . . Graham Avenue . . . Radar.*

Hi-Y, Varsity Club, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Football.



**Claude J. Lucinkas**

*"Claude" . . . Einstein's protégé . . . physics lab . . . meteorologist.*



**Joan Patricia McCarthy**

*"Mac" . . . shamrocks and Kelly green . . . the comforts of home . . . nursing.*

French Club.



**Eleanore V. Michels**

*"Mike" . . . statuesque serenity . . . in Wilma's company . . . nursing.*

Glee Club, Middionettes, Teen Town.



**Ernest Moryan**

*"Ernie" . . . John Garfield . . . Home Street . . . professional baseball player.*

Varsity Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Basketball, Football, Blue Letter.



**Margaret T. Murphy**

*"Murph" . . . "all the world is a stage" . . . waiting for Andy . . . private secretary.*

Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter.





**Stephen O. Nemeth**

*"Pito" . . . puppy cordiality . . . Phoenix forever . . . Physical Ed. teacher.*

Varsity Club, Stud. Gov't., Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Football, Basketball, Track.

**Paul R. Nielsen**

*"Paul" . . . labyrinthine meanderings . . . finding a difficulty for every solution . . . chemical engineer.*

German Club, Science Club, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Orchestra, Track.

**Jean M. Nothnagel**

*"Jeanie" . . . gentle as an April shower . . . lunch at Costa's . . . beautician.*

Glee Club, German Club, Library Club.

**Herbert C. Oehlers**

*"Herbie" . . . molasses in January . . . Post Office . . . aeronautical engineering.*

Footlighters, Basketball, Golf, Library, Stud. Gov't.



**Marie F. O'Reilly**

*"Red" . . . French heels beating a tattoo on the pavement . . . rain or shine on the paper route . . . nursing.*

**Arthur M. Pavluk**

*"Artie" . . . naughty but nice . . . Perth Amboy . . . architecture.*

Varsity Club, Science Club, Footlighters, Football, Basketball, Track, Golf, Library Club.

**Rudolph M. Peins**

*"Rudy" . . . cream puffs . . . school library . . . draftsman.*

Footlighters, Library Club.

**Marguerite J. Pepin**

*"Margie" . . . a strong March gale . . . wandering through the halls . . . secretary.*

Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Teen Town, Hub.







**Jeannette Dolores Pipik**

*"Pip" . . . arguments and anecdotes . . . cutting capers . . . private secretary.*

G.A.A., Blue Letter, Basketball, Teen Town, Hub.



**Elsie June Potter**

*"Junie" . . . dogwood blossoms and a lark's song . . . music departments . . . singer.*

Tri-Y, Glee Club, Modern Dance, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Middionettes, Stud. Gov't.



**Kenneth A. Poulsen**

*"Kenny" . . . the outdoor sportsman . . . with Millie . . . aeronautical engineer.*

Hi-Y, Varsity Club, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Football, Basketball, Stud. Gov't.



**Irene A. Povenski**

*"Irene" . . . velvet finesse . . . accompanying the Glee Club . . . medical technician.*

G.A.A., Glee Club, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter.



**Elsie Margaret Rassmussen**

*"Rass" . . . porcelain fragility . . . flirting frolics . . . secretary.*

G.A.A., Try-Y, Glee Club, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Basketball, Middionettes, Teen Town, Tumbling.



**Alice V. Ready**

*"Al" . . . whip creamy smoothness . . . weekends with Phyllis . . . commercial artist.*

G.A.A., Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Teen Town.



**Mildred A. Reick**

*"Reickie" . . . comfortable friendliness of a humming tea kettle . . . with Dolores and Jean . . . secretary.*

Glee Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Teen Town, Hub, B. and W. Service Center.



**Robert E. Ritter**

*"Rit" . . . storm at sea . . . pounding a piano . . . musical arranger.*

Varsity Club, Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Football, Tennis, Orchestra.





**Robert H. Rodman**  
*"Bob" . . . so-o-o casually  
 collegiate . . . The Greasy  
 Spoon . . . night club  
 owner.*

**Jean M. Roxbury**  
*"Jean" . . . spring at its  
 loveliest . . . Mr. D's . . .  
 telephone operator.*

G.A.A., Twirling, Mod-  
 ern Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom,  
 Blue Letter, Basketball,  
 Teen Town, Hub, Tumb-  
 ling.

**Anne Elizabeth Runyon**  
*"Betty" . . . true to life  
 Diana . . . movies on Mon-  
 day night . . . interior  
 decorator.*

G.A.A., Tri-Y, Glee  
 Club, Footlighters, Cheer-  
 ing, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue  
 Letter, Hall Patrol, Bas-  
 ketball, Middionettes.

**Frank S. Scarpelli**  
*"Scar" . . . Vitalis and  
 General Motors Ads . . .  
 Perth Amboy . . . movie  
 cameraman.*

Varsity Club, Hi-Y, Jr.-  
 Sr. Prom, Football, Bas-  
 ketball, Track.



**Mary Barbara Schofield**  
*"Barbs" . . . frosted win-  
 dow pane and the tinkle  
 of glass . . . out of town  
 dates . . . private secretary.*

Hall Patrol, Blue Letter,  
 Jr.-Sr. Prom, Middionettes,  
 B. and W. Service Center.

**Patricia Ann Schofield**  
*"Pat" . . . first stirred by  
 the wind . . . Sweet Shoppe  
 for sweets . . . model.*

Glee Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom,  
 Blue Letter, Middionettes,  
 B. and W. Service Center.

**Wilma D. Schullenbach**  
*"Willie" . . . early violets  
 . . . ever with "Mike" . . .  
 dress designing.*

Glee Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom,  
 Middionettes.

**Howard T. Schwalje**  
*"Slinky" . . . kettle drum  
 beckling . . . Room 20  
 after school . . . mechani-  
 cal engineering.*

Hi-Y, Science Club, Jr.-  
 Sr. Prom, Blue Letter,  
 Football, Photography,  
 Stud. Gov't.







**Elizabeth Semchuk**

*"Lizzie" . . . the first apple blossoms . . . daily jaunts at noon . . . stenographer.*

G.A.A., Glee Club, Blue Letter, Basketball, Teen Town, Hub, Sec'y of Treasury.



**Marian T. Sersick**

*"Terry" . . . sculptured perfection in hair-dos . . . those Kilmer PX's . . . school teacher.*

Blue Letter, Teen Town, Hub.



**James Shely**

*"Jim" . . . easy goin' lone "Stranger" . . . away off somewhere . . . airplane designer.*



**Marilyn M. Sheridan**

*"Sherry" . . . vim, vigor, and viracity . . . dreaming of Ernie . . . singer.*

Cheering, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, B. and W. Service Center.



**Anna Sieber**

*"Ann" . . . squirrel in a city park . . . horseback riding . . . air line stewardess.*

Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Teen Town, Supreme Court.



**Loretta Elizabeth Simms**

*"Betty" . . . tintinabulations and kaleidoscopes . . . dancing with Bob . . . psychiatrist.*

G.A.A., Tri-Y, Glee Club, German Club, Twirling, Modern Dance, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Basketball, Middionettes, Tumbling, Sec'y of Interior.



**Fred G. Strakele**

*"Fritz" . . . Jack-in-the-box . . . practicing his magical feats . . . chemistry.*

Hi-Y, Science Club, Jr. Sr. Prom, Blue Letter.



**Lorraine Estelle Thierry**

*"Queenie" . . . moonlight on inky water . . . Perth Amboy Skating Rink . . . private secretary.*



# SENIORS



**Emma Louise Thomas**  
*"Em" . . . china doll in blue . . . Plainfield roller rink . . . teaching.*

Glee Club, French Club, Blue Letter, Hub, B. and W. Service Center, Stud. Gov't.

**Ronald B. Thomas**  
*"Hurd" . . . spurs and a lariat . . . Bonbamtown wilderness . . . reporter.*

Footlighters, Blue Letter, Track.

**Margaret M. Totin**  
*"Marty" . . . daisies on a billtop . . . Camp Kilmer . . . Advertising.*

Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Mid-dionettes, Sec'y of Assemblies, Stud. Gov't.

**Claire Elizabeth Venett**  
*"Clarence" . . . sturdy oaks exchanging gossip . . . dates with Andy . . . clerk-typist.*

Hall Patrol, Teen Town, Hub.



**Robert W. Wagner**  
*"Bob" . . . a nor'easter in November . . . Menlo Park Firehouse . . . electrical engineer.*

Stud. Gov't.

**Donald W. Walp**  
*"Don" . . . comfortable tweeds, a dog, and a rifle . . . with Marge . . . game warden.*

Varsity Club, Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Basketball, Football, Track.

**Natalie M. Walsh**  
*"Nat" . . . fern delicacy . . . going strong with Barry . . . Schrafft hostess.*

Jr.-Sr. Prom.

**William R. Wickberg**  
*"Bill" . . . marble pillars and statues . . . Seldow's . . . mechanical engineer.*

Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter.







**Joan Marie Wilbert**  
*"Joan" . . . snowflakes  
 wafted earthward . . . rol-  
 ler skating in Perth Am-  
 boy . . . school teacher.*  
 Modern Dance, Blue  
 Letter, Basketball.



**Margaret F. Williamson**  
*"Margie" . . . buttercup  
 cheerfulness . . . Morris  
 and Essex Roller Rink . . .  
 nursing.*  
 Glee Club, Blue Letter,  
 Hall Patrol.



**Virginia M. Woodson**  
*"Ginny" . . . strumming  
 of banjos on the Swannee  
 . . . U.S.O., Camp Kilmer  
 . . . singer.*  
 Glee Club, Blue Letter,  
 Basketball, Teen Town.



**Rose Ann Yatzsyn**  
*"Rosie" . . . nose-gay of  
 forget-me-nots . . . the  
 "Y" . . . private secretary.*  
 Glee Club, French Club,  
 Blue Letter, Hub.

#### IN MEMORIAM

IDA SCHUMANN, A CLASSMATE,  
 WHO LEFT OUR RANKS DURING  
 OUR FRESHMAN YEAR.



# SENIOR ITINERARY

September 9, 1942, was a very great day in the history of Metuchen High School. To a casual observer there might have appeared to be nothing unusual about the group of timid, even though noisy youngsters who gathered in the various freshman home-rooms, but we of the Class of 1946 realized that to M.H.S. "something new had been added." We, who to others appeared young and green, but to ourselves very wise and sophisticated, were about to set out on the "Sentimental Journey" of high school life. It's true that to very few of us at that time was the idea of sentiment very prominent. We still acted like the silly kids that other persons thought we were. The teachers say that the freshmen of 1942 were especially given to childish pranks and chatter. Frequently, for example, Schwalje and Oehlers were to be seen indulging in the extremely youthful sport of necktie-pulling, and Betty Runyon and May Farrington had to be forcibly restrained from too long periods of giggling and gossiping.

September, 1943, came and we were raised to the exalted position of sophomores. Our country was in the midst of a war. Life now was serious but not too serious to keep Larry Carlbom from teasing his poor teachers with some of his noteworthy tall stories, nor to silence Dee's contagious laugh; but serious enough to rouse us all to put forth a sincere effort to keep up with war work. We maintained a high standard in the purchase of stamps and bonds, and we participated in special activities for veterans' hospitals and the like. The big social event of this year was the "Sophomore Frolic," which was a huge success, giving everyone an evening of games and dancing.

In the fall of '44, we arrived at Junior Junction in our sentimental journey, a junction between the time when we were looked down upon by those above us as the least important class of the high school, and the time when we would be the mightiest of the mighty—SENIORS. Since our country was still at war, a few of the boys of our class dropped out of school to don the uniform of some of the branches of Uncle Sam's fighting forces. These included Vincent Perrino, Kenneth Murk, Frank Schweniger, William Slavicek, Leonard Thomas, and Robert Donnan. One of the most important events of the year was our dance in January. We felt that it was quite original with its decorations appropriate to the theme, "Candy Hop." We topped off the year by giving a very successful and enjoyable Junior-Senior Prom, with its famous "Wishing Well."

In the fall of 1945, after a summer made unforgettable by the end of actual warfare, we reached the last stop in our journey. We were SENIORS! As seniors, we were glad to welcome back to our school some of the boys whose formal education was interrupted by the war. In November we gave our Senior Dance, "Ship Ahoy." This, we feel, was a great success, as we made the magnificent profit of \$.40. With the beginning of the second semester we began to look forward to the presentation of the annual senior play, which this year was "Junior Miss." The cast was well chosen, the play amusing, the audience highly responsive.

As this goes to press, in March, already we hear the strains of Commencement music, symbolizing for us our farewell to Metuchen High School, and we begin to think in terms of our sentimental journey as ending too soon.



# JUNIOR CLASS

MHS



Top row, left to right: Frank Seaster, Valentine Meszaros, Andrew Elko, Arthur Harmon, Stephen Lorincz, James Summers, Lewis Erle, Calvin Drake, Eugene Baumann, James Dougherty, Eugene Teruli, Edward Steingrebe, Richard Huff, Howard Krommes, Robert Gilbert, Raymond Suart, Jack Thomas. Second row: George Selenko, Rudy Petercsak, Edward Marzella, Arthur Modder, Walter Tkachuk, Bruce Freeman, Charles Chaplar, Michael Rektenwald, Malcolm Wolfman, Donald Hall, Joseph Portash, Richard Zigmont, Ernest Pape, Eugene Woodward, Alan Nielsen. Third row: George Dudas, Joseph Perry, William Baylis, Robert Birmingham, Malvin Schwalje, Robert Smithson, Edward Pfannkoch, Stanley Lynczyk, William Perry, Martin Roth, Frank Schade, William Wilson, Robert Viquerat, Richard Smith, Arthur Pohle, Charles Griffin, Robert Barrett, Larry Ferrari, Alden Petersen. Fourth row: Ruth Cortwright, Evelyn Turner, Katherine Shuster, Catherine Dunn, Gertrude Hillegard, Jane Ferris, Betty Ann Zyphers, Bonnie Ann Drysdale, Patsy Harhan, Ann Carey, Grace Rowley,

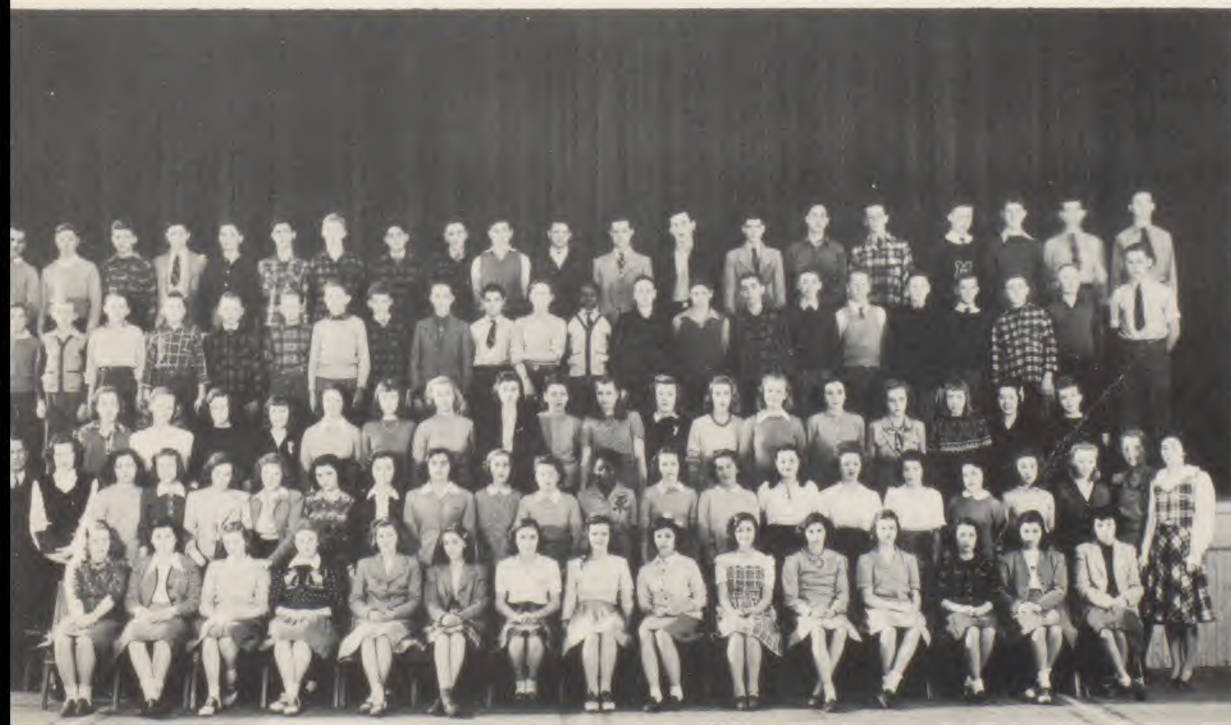
Jeanette Maglione, Margaret Anderson, Inge Bernhold, Alicia Steeves, Clara Schleicher, Doris Denea, Wynetta Devore, Joyce Buchanan, Anne Pascal, Ruth Morris, Janice Missell, Florence Diering, Ellen Christophersen, Joan Ruttiger. Fifth row: Miss Pettit, Miss Farrell, Grace Salomone, Jane Anderson, Ethel Larsen, Marion Wolf, Clotilda Zacchia, Wilma Cornelison, Jean Thompson, Joan Culver, Phyllis Smith, Helen Rolfe, Eleanor Nicholson, Maybelle Hoskins, Dotalia Stokes, Margaret Dickson, Evelyn Apgar, Margaret Doyle, Emily Bryant, Mary Ann Britton, Lois Bell, Jean Louise Herold, Joan Reiter, Rose Quagliariello, Alzadah Remley, Lorraine Stallings, Allean Ross, Olga Semchuk, Nancy Will, Katherine Haley, Mr. Graham, Miss Haitisch. Sixth row: Joyce Tyrell, Patricia Iselin, Margaret Kresky, Adeline Interdonato, Marion Solt, Cecily Dessel, Ruth Worley, Barbara Berger, Grace Lang, Jean Schuster, Dorothy Carollo, Alice Davala, Mildred Cappola, Francine Averbach, Shirley Nelson, Margaret Rhodier, Evelyn Giambone, Elizabeth Coffey.





SOPHOMORE CLASS

FRESHMAN CLASS







## JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL







## SPORTS

The score is 20 to 21, in the opponents' favor. The audience is cheering itself hoarse. The cheerleaders are begging the timekeeper, "How many more minutes?" The ball is in play. Suddenly a lone figure darts out from the muddle at the opponents' end of the court. He races down the length of the gym floor, shoots . . . The stands explode and so does the timekeeper's gun. The game is over. We have won.

The glow that comes from winning doesn't last long but still it contributes to the feeling of unity that a school should have. Therefore, we dedicate the next section to those brave warriors of the courts, gridiron, and field, who strive so hard, "to win where honor calls."



# VARSITY FOOTBALL 1945

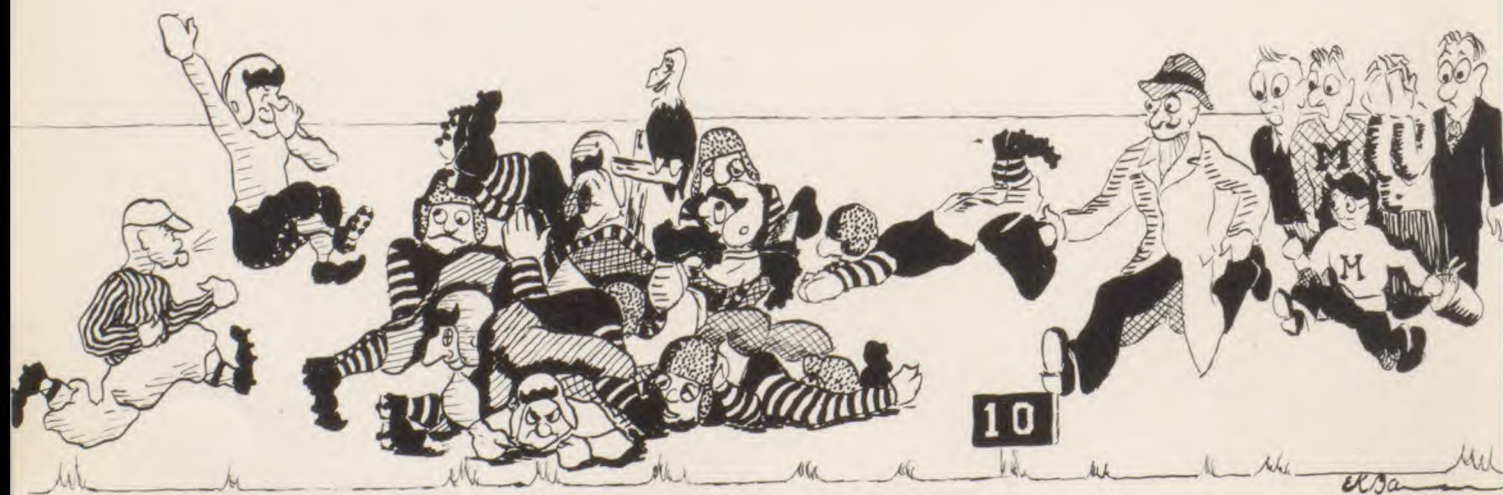


The Bulldogs, coached by Al Grillo, and led by captain Steve "Pito" Nemeth, faced a tough season. In the opener on September 29, a superior Scotch Plains team was just too much for the spirited Metuchen eleven, and we lost by a 36-6 score.

The following week the determined Bulldogs struck back at a visiting Rutgers Prep squad and carried the game away with a score of 18-6.

On October 13, shivering Metuchen fans traveled to Elizabeth to watch the battle with a favored St. Mary's team. In the very first quarter the full fury of the Bulldogs was felt and didn't cease during the entire game. The attack, paced by Andy Elko, resulted in a 19-2 upset and a decisive victory for the Metuchen eleven.

The Bulldogs passed out the same punishment





to a visiting Rumson team, who were thoroughly trounced by a score of 32-0.

On October 27, the high school band and the Twirlers were out to perform at the game with Sayreville. Although the spirit of team and fans was excellent, it failed to stop the hard hitting Sayreville squad, and Metuchen went down, 27-18.

The following week, although handicapped by the injuries of Nemeth, Elko and Moryan, the Bulldogs met Highland Park and fought hard, but failed to stop the Owls, thereby losing the game by a score of 32-0.

On November 10, we traveled to North Arlington to meet the Vikings in a tough game. The one touchdown scored by Herb Kanis was not enough to stop the superior North Arlington squad, and they carried the game away, 32-6.

The game with Flemington on November 17 was some more of the same bad news. A fierce last minute attack, led by Ray Kaminski, was not quite enough to beat the visitors, and we lost, 18-13.

On November 22, the Thanksgiving game with St. Peter's was thrilling. Playing in half a foot of mud, the two teams battled it out, the final score, 7-6, resulting in a sad defeat to the Metuchen Bulldogs.

Metuchen made one hundred and thirteen points in all compared to their opponents' one hundred and fifty. We won three and lost six games.

An excellent job of coaching was done by Al Grillo and Nick Carvello. Managers were Sanford Cole and Neil Hansen.

Steve Nemeth made All State, and Randy Bramwell, Herb Kanis, Ray Kaminski, and Andy Elko all rated honorable mention.

At the end of the season, the Dads' Booster Club sponsored a banquet for the entire squad and the cheerleaders.

## JAYVEE FOOTBALL

The Junior Varsity team of last fall had one of the hardest years any J.V. team has ever had. Even though the fellows met defeat after defeat, they never lost their spirit or determination.

The J.V.'s first tackled their varsity team on Oct. 21, and were beaten, 19-0.

The first scheduled game was played on the following Monday with Highland Park, who won 12-6, with a last minute touchdown.

On Oct. 17, the J.V.'s lost their second game to a powerful undefeated Woodbridge team by an overwhelming score of 25-0.

The following Monday a hard-played game with Rumson ended in a tie, 6-6.

The next two games were also lost; the first was played against Sayreville's second string on Oct. 31, 12-6; then on the following Tuesday, Scotch Plains won, 19-0.

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, the tables were turned in our favor. The J.V.'s licked Rutgers Prep by the decisive score of 20-0.

On Nov. 16, a return game was played with Highland Park, who won 12-0.

The last game of the season was the most tragic defeat of all. It was played with a strong South River team, who won, 33-6.

In all, the J.V.'s lost seven games, tied one game, and won one game.







## VARSITY BASKETBALL

The Bulldogs opened their court season this year by topping the Alumni, 31 to 21.

Flemington, the first high school foe of the local quintet, was nosed out by one point, to make the final tally, 19 to 18.

In Dunellen's "Jive Five", the boys had a little more than they could handle, and wound up on the wrong end of a 52-35 score.

Scotch Plains was next on the schedule and they too managed to carry home a victory. In this contest the Plainsmen outpointed us, 28 to 18.

On January 11, the team was able to trounce the Trojans to the tune of 51 to 30, and a week later Metuchen whipped Rutgers Prep on the home court, 39-36.

Following these victories there came a string of six losses, during which Lady Luck seemed to be in cahoots with our opponents. The best game of the sad six was that played against the Dads' Booster Club team. This was a benefit

game, to aid the March of Dimes. The Bulldogs lost this game by one basket, thrown in the last second of the game. The final tally was 45-43.

The other five games and their scores were: St. Mary's 45, Metuchen 21; Jamesburg 42, Metuchen 28; Highland Park 51, Metuchen 33; Dunellen 57, Metuchen 33; Sayreville 57, Metuchen 52. All but the Sayreville game were played on the opponents' courts.

After these defeats, the Bulldogs bounced right back and trimmed Jamesburg, 49 to 33, and avenged their defeat at the hands of Scotch Plains by upsetting the Plainsmen, 28 to 22.

The next game played was with Rutgers Prep. Although the Bulldogs kept their lead throughout the first three periods, the Prepsters rallied and Metuchen was the victim in the 42-38 tilt.

Flemington, still smarting from their one point defeat, handed out a substantial defeat themselves. The final score of the tightly played games was



36 to 31.

Highland Park's high flying Owls soared to a 63 to 26 victory on their own court. The Parkites closed in on the Metuchen basket consistently with their fast break to deliver the Bulldogs their worst defeat of the season.

The St. Mary's High School Lions tripped the Bulldogs next in a high-scoring clash on the home court. The outcome was a score of 60-47.

In what was generally adjudged the best battle of the season, the Sayreville High team nipped Metuchen by a score of 57-50. The game was closely contested from beginning to end.

In the State Tournament, Metuchen was paired off with Perth Amboy High School, and although the Bulldogs put up a good fight, they were out-classed by the more powerful team and were defeated, 53-30.

On March second, Metuchen played a post-season game with the Boosters, and this time the Bulldogs turned the tables and nosed out the Booster team by one point.

The future looks rather bright for the Bulldogs, as three-fifths of the team will report for duty next year. Al Smith, Don Hall, and set-shot artist Joe Portash will again be in harness for the 1947 season.

Other lettermen include Frank Scarpelli (high scorer of the season), Randy Bramwell, Ernie Moryan, Herb Oehlers, Jim Beagle, Ed Marzella, Andy Elko and Dick Zigmont.

Mr. Marcason coached the team, assisted by Nick Carvello. Managers were Bob Dohrman, Sanford Cole, John Hone, Randal Brune, and Jack Hill.

## J.V. BASKETBALL

The J.V. cagers opened their 1945-46 basketball season with a bang by defeating the Falcons of New Brunswick, 43-16. This game found our Jay Vees very green, but with endless initiative and a desire to win, which led them on to ten victories and eight losses for the season.

A close, exciting game with Flemington ended in the team's first defeat, 19-21. Metuchen dropped the next game to Dunellen by a score of 23-25. But not failing in spirit, they played brilliantly, thereafter, subduing Scotch Plains, 21-18; Rutgers Prep, 37-16; St. Mary's (Pa.), 17-14; Jamesburg, 17-13; and the N.B. Colts, 31-21.

However, the good luck failed to hold out, when the team traveled away to be defeated by Highland Park, 31-34, and Dunellen, 27-36.

A victory which proved to be the most exciting of the year, was next scored over Sayreville, 34-33.

The remainder of the season resulted in four wins and three losses as follows: with Jamesburg, 20-30; Scotch Plains, 19-24; Rutgers Prep, 23-16; Flemington, 31-36; Highland Park, 23-42; St. Mary's, 24-20; and Sayreville, 29-17.

This season's outstanding J.V. members were highest scorer, Gary Messick; Fred Goldsmith, capable ball-handler; Joe Ferenczi, play-making center; and two valuable forwards, George Selenko and Bob Barrett.

Gene Haley did a good job of coaching and the squad maintained a fine fighting spirit.







## TRACK 1945

The 1945 Track team started a tough season at the bottom half of a contest with Rahway last spring.

In the triangular meet with Carteret and Perth Amboy, Metuchen downed Carteret to place second.

In meets with South River, Scotch Plains and Highland Park, the spirited Metuchen team each time met sad defeat.

The team was coached by Mr. Bacha and led by a trio of high point men, namely Jim Bent, 55½ points; Vic Fields, 25 5/6 points; and Kenny Bauman, 20½ points. Lettermen were Jim Bent, Vic Fields, Dick Swords, Kenny Bauman, Andy Elko, Ernest Moryan, Hans Kanis, and Herman Bauman.

## GOLF 1945

The golf team lost three matches and won four matches during the 1945 season. The team won one match each, from Scotch Plains and Rahway. They also won two matches from Westfield, lost two matches to North Plainfield, and lost a return match with Rahway.

The team consisted of Alfred Smith, captain, Richard Brossy, Fred Goldsmith, Randolph Branwell, Robert Barrett, James Bent, and Herbert Oehlers.

Miss Platt was the faculty adviser.







## VARSITY CLUB

The membership of the Varsity Club is composed of lettermen from the high school.

This year, Steve Nemeth was president, Don Walp, vice-president, Ken Baumann, secretary, and Herb Kanis, treasurer. Mr. Tierney was faculty adviser.

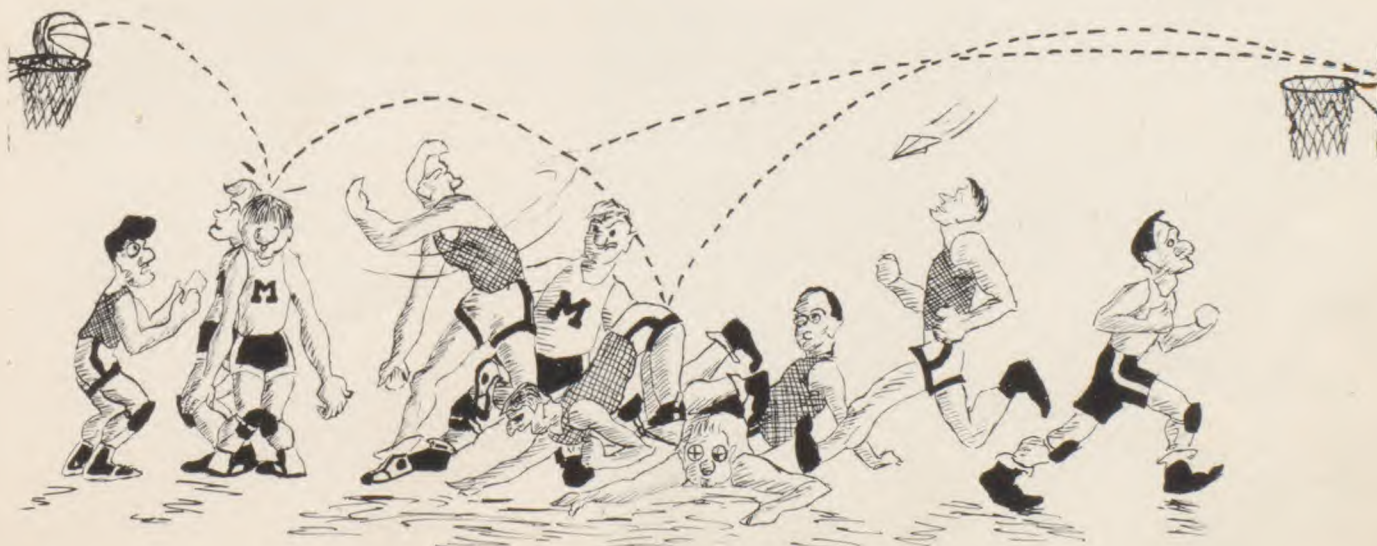
The organization this year was quite active; besides drafting a constitution, the members sponsored the Football Dance in November and purchased sweaters for senior members. They gave evidence of true school spirit when they participated at basketball games in the "Keep the School Clean" drive.

## HI-Y

As this Blue Letter goes to press, the Hi-Y is being reorganized under the leadership of Mr. Case and Mr. Pineo of the Y.M.C.A., and high school authorities.

The new club is composed of chapters and is affiliated with the national Hi-Y movement.

The group is advised and aided by a sponsoring committee of parents and led by Y.M.C.A. trained leaders. Meetings feature speakers on topics of interest to high school boys.







## G. A. A.

The Girls' Athletic Association sponsors interclass sports, faculty games and modern dancing. It is open to all girls who have attained 100 points in physical education and 100 per cent active participation in girls' sports. The G.A.A. is carried on to promote better sportsmanship between the girls, and more physically fit bodies.

This year the modern dancing class, a new activity, planned a dancing pageant for the spring. The theme was to be the evolution of dancing, and the entire program came under the direction of Miss Crowell, the G.A.A. faculty adviser, Miss Talbott, head of dramatics, and Miss McCready, sponsor of the modern dance group.

During the fall months, the G.A.A. members worked very hard at basketball practice every day after school and were in fine condition when they played their annual games with the women teachers of Metuchen High School. The sophomore girls were the basketball champs for the current season.

The Tumbling Club was also very active this year.

Awards provided by the G.A.A. were presented at the end of the season to all girls acquiring 150 points or more. The senior cheerleaders were presented with miniature silver megaphones, and the junior cheerleaders were presented with letters.

The officers for the current year were President, Virginia Falkiewicz; Vice-President, Betty Hansen; and Secretary, Florence Diering.







## CHEERLEADERS

A squad of eight attractive and energetic girls cheered the sports program through a difficult season. In all kinds of weather, regardless of whether we were winning or losing, the girls were always on the job doing their best. The worse the defeat the harder the girls would lead the cheering to boost the boys' spirits. The girls introduced many new cheers and also a cheer song, "Stand Up and Cheer," which was written by Mr. Atkinson, the music teacher. It is the first cheer song of its own the school has had.

The season's senior squad consisted of Suzanne Letson, Betty Runyon, Marilyn Sheridan, and Jean Carollo.

The members of the J.V. squad were Patsy Harhan, Dorothy Carollo, Jean Schuster and Bonnie Ann Drysdale. These girls worked very hard. They not only cheered the varsity team on, but also the J.V. team.

Early in the season, Marilyn Sheridan replaced Mary Ann DeAndrea, who became the leader of the Twirlers.

Thanks for a job well done, Cheerleaders!

## TRI-HI-Y

This popular organization whose membership consists of girls who are interested in promoting good citizenship and fellowship, this year joined the national Tri-Hi-Y organization, which necessitated the name being changed from Tri-Y to Tri-Hi-Y, and permitted the club to be represented at national and state conferences.

There was an especially large membership of 54 members this year. Meetings were held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at the local Y.M.C.A. in Metuchen, with something interesting and worthwhile planned for each meeting.

At Thanksgiving favors were made for Camp Kilmer and the Lyons Hospital. At Christmas time the girls worked very hard to furnish baskets for needy families.

A dance was held in the late winter, and in May a Mother's Day program was planned to which all the mothers of the members were invited.

The officers for the year were Suzanne Letson, president; Betty Ann Zyfers, vice-president; Evelyn Turner, secretary; and Mary Ann DeAndrea, treasurer.

Miss Crowell acted as faculty adviser.





## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

This year in accordance with the Metuchen High School Constitution, by the majority vote, Randy Bramwell was elected president and Robert Smithson, vice-president. The Cabinet consisted of the Secretaries of State, Assemblies, Interior, Treasury, and Publicity, and the Recording Secretary and Attorney General. This year, two new offices were introduced: the Secretaries of Sports and School Spirit.

Each class elected two senators, while a representative was elected by every homeroom. Traffic violations and minor offenses were handled by the Supreme Court and the Hall and Safety Patrol.

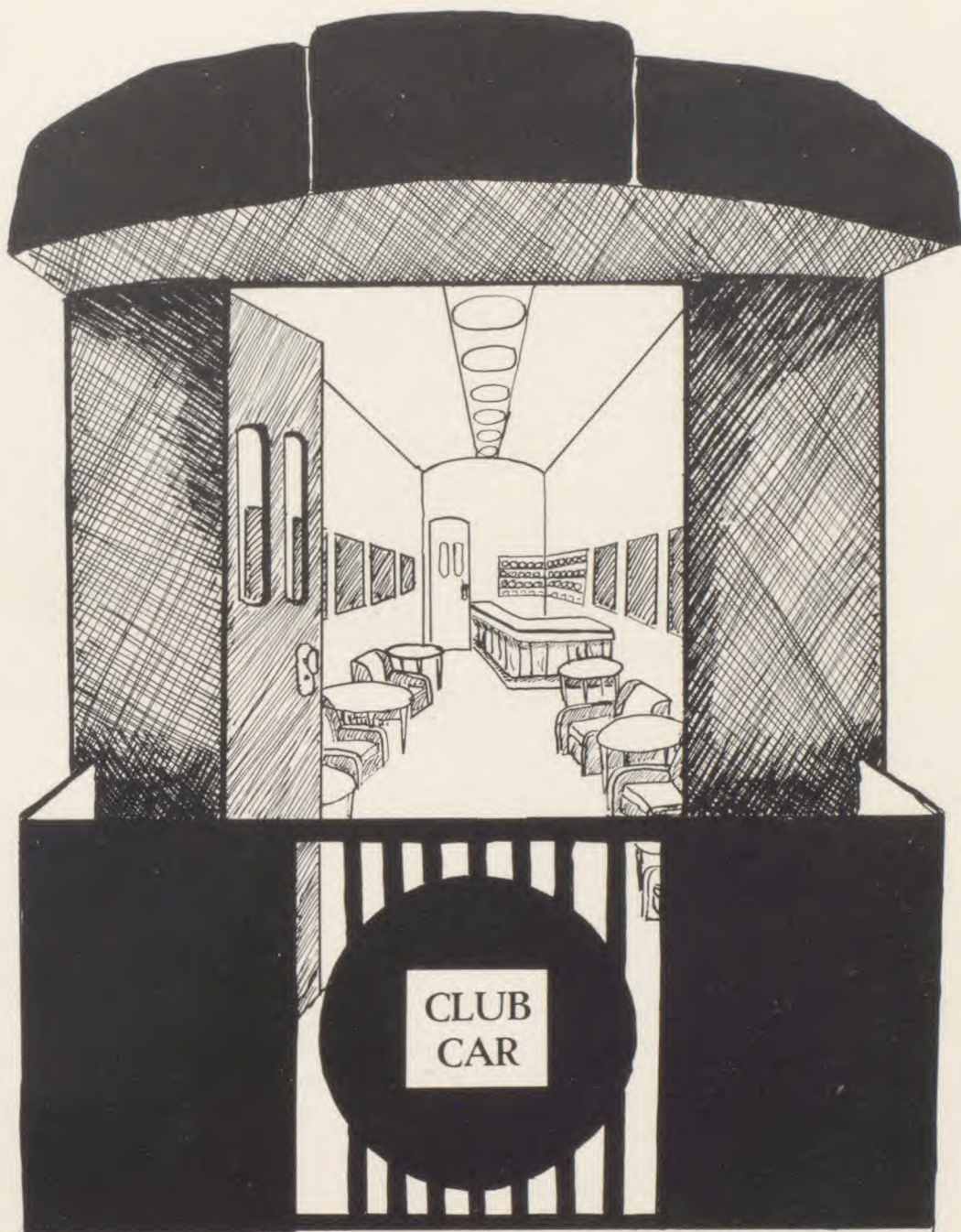
Like last year, the House of Representatives, specifically the Secretary of State, conducted the various charitable drives throughout the year.

Exchange assemblies were arranged by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Assemblies.

At the meeting of the New Jersey Association of High Schools, Metuchen was especially commended for its exceptionally democratic form of government. This meeting was attended by the President and his Cabinet.

The junior high school had a government patterned after the senior high school's. This year, Roger Johnson was president, Gilbert Poulsen, vice-president, and Miss Gentile served as faculty adviser. The Junior Hall Patrol and Supreme Court were very successful in their given jobs of keeping orderly halls and trying offenders. The Junior Cabinet sponsored two noon dances and a Sunset Dance, the returns from which helped finance the annual graduation party in May.





R. MURPHY

## ACTIVITIES

Of the friendships that spring from a train ride, some are lasting; some are not. In our journey through high school, friendships show the same tendencies. Some are made and kept; some are made and lost, but regardless of how they end, their beginnings are often found in the friendly atmosphere of a club get-together. To the seniors, some of the nicest memories they take with them when they leave, are those created from the fun and good times that come through extra-curricular activities.





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## Middionettes

Again Blue Letter pays special tribute to those clubs which devote their time to service, by placing them first in this section. The Middionettes certainly deserve a place here, for this year they worked at noon and after school to provide holiday favors for veterans' hospitals, wall decorations for hospital wards for children, and such other items for charitable purposes as were called for.

The group established a memorial to honor M.H.S. boys lost in World War II in the form of literature to be contributed each year to the school library. The two sets of officers were as follows: President, A. Remley (noon), M. De Andrea (P.M.); Vice-President, P. Iselin (noon), J. Thompson (P.M.); Secretary, J. Maglione (noon), B. Simms (P.M.); Treasurer, E. Nietzold (noon), M. Farrington (P.M.). Miss Farrell was the faculty adviser.



## Junior Red Cross

The Junior Red Cross is made up of a group of junior and senior high school students from the Art, Home Economics and Industrial Arts classes, who volunteer to make toys, favors and bedside equipment for the soldiers and children overseas. They sent 200 educational gift boxes to the children this year.

Miss Crowell acted as chairman and Miss Reiner as assistant chairman.



## Teen Town

Teen Town again did a fine job collecting money each week for bonds and stamps. The club sponsored the Victory Bond Drive, in the schools, and until they disbanded in January, they met once every week in room thirty-one. Jeanette Maglione acted as chairman and Mrs. Buechler as faculty adviser.





## Library Club

The Library Club continued to combine business with pleasure this year by being of service to the school library and also meeting for social occasions.

The officers were President, Carl Sagmuller; Vice-President, Rudolf Peins; Secretary, Wynetta Devore; Treasurer, George Dudas; Mrs. Cooke was the faculty adviser, assisted by Miss Morgan.



## Latin Club

The Latin Club met once a week to promote interest in Latin and foster sociability among its members. The club participated in an assembly program and formed a Latin choir group.

This year the officers were President, Boyd Johnson; Vice-President, John Remensnyder; Secretary-Treasurer, Emma Jane Hutchinson.



## French Club

The main function of this club was to maintain an interest in the language by means of French dialogues, music, etc.

The members met once a month in the music room, under the direction of Mr. Graham.

The officers this year were President, Emma Thomas; Vice-President, Eleanore Nelson; Secretary, Olga Semchuk; Treasurer, Joyce Tyrell.



## German Club

The German Club, under the direction of Miss Anker, met once a month in the music room to enjoy programs of German games, music, dancing, etc. They had a Christmas party and a Valentine noon dance this year.

The officers were President, Betty Simms; Vice-President, Carl Sagmuller; Secretary, Inge Bernhold; Treasurer, Edith Nietzold.



## Hub Club

The Hub Club, under the direction of Mrs. Swank, met twice a month in room 23. This year the group donated four boxes to the Red Cross for distribution to soldiers in Camp Kilmer Hospital at Christmas time.

The officers were President, Rosemarie Linczyk; Vice-President, Grace Lang; Recording Secretary, Stella Lopatka; Corresponding Secretary, Doris Mandell; Treasurer, Margaret Doyle.



## Photography Club

The purpose of the Photography Club is to stimulate an interest and improve the members' technique in photography.

Mr. Kilian sponsored this club this year and had assisting him as officers William Koster, president; Chris Hansen, vice-president, and Marion Gulton, secretary-treasurer.



## Handicraft Club

Miss Reiner and students interested in arts and crafts formed this new club this year. The members, among other activities, worked with the Red Cross in making favors for Camp Kilmer and Lyons Hospital. The officers were as follows: Betty Barrett, president; Joan Groben, vice-president; Joyce Steiner, secretary-treasurer.



## Vis-Ed Club

The purpose of the Vis-Ed Club, a new organization, is to promote and facilitate the use of visual and audio-educational material in the school. It has been responsible for the training of twenty projection operators.

The officers this year were Senior Manager, Alan Nielsen; Junior Manager, Jack Hill; Senior Mechanic, Rudy Macak; Junior Mechanic, Jack Balas.







## Writers' Club

The Writers' Club members were very busy this year with new creative writing. They completed an anthology of their compositions and had many of their write-ups published in "What's New."

The officers were President, Nancy Ayres; Secretary, Joan Groben; Treasurer, Jacqueline Morse. Miss Gentile supervised.



## Boys' Cooking Club

The Boys' Cooking Club continued its activities this year under the direction of Miss Miller. Meeting once a week, the boys, all from the junior high, acquainted themselves with cooking and prepared a different dish each time they met.



## What's New?

This organization once again gave all its time to the junior high school publication, "What's New," which made four appearances this year. The members did all work connected with the paper, from writing to circulation. Ada Head was editor-in-chief; Francis Zunino, associate editor; Nancy Ayers, business manager; and Dorothy Rule, circulation manager.



## Jr. Science

The members of the Junior Science Club, which Mr. Nielsen sponsored, spent a busy year building up their interests in field trips for nature study, museum trips, photography and radio. Jack Hill was president; Bill Kuhns, vice-president; Betty Barrett and Francis Zunino, secretaries; Robert Reick, treasurer.



# PARLOR CAR

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

If Jack became tired from work at M.H.S. this year he was probably working on the Senior Dance or the Junior Dance decoration committee.

With the auditorium festive with flags, portholes, and tow ropes, and the air filled with the music of the high school's own "Stardusters," Jack found it easy to have a good time at the Senior Dance held on November 30.

The Junior Dance theme was "Arabian Nights," and again Jack and his classmates worked hard in order to dance another evening away, this time amid Aladdin and his lamp and genii and all the rest.

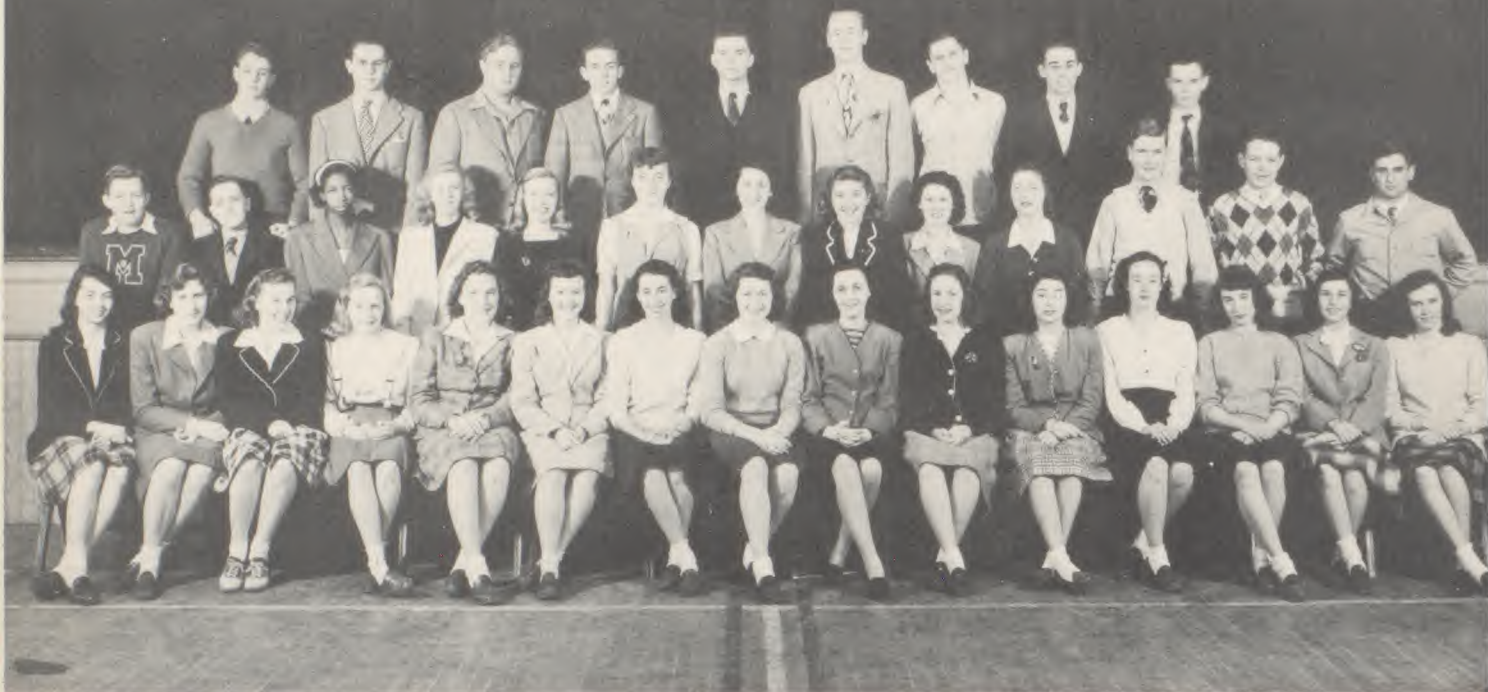
Jack didn't always dance in the evening. Each week there was a noon dance in school. The music was furnished by the juke box or, at special hour noon dances, the Stardusters.

The latter were directed by Mr. Atkinson. The members included Paul Nielsen and Mike Sawzak, trumpets; Alicia Steeves, flute; Bob Bitter and Eddie Jacobsen, piano; and Don Day and Mr. Atkinson, saxophones. Barbara Straight was the vocalist and Gene Teruli ably assisted with the drums.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Jack represents the student body of M.H.S., who have had plenty of work but lots of play too, to eliminate dullness.







## FOOTLIGHTER CLUB

The Footlighter Club is for sophomores, juniors and seniors who are interested in acting and stagecraft.

This year the club presented a Christmas play, "The Christmas List," and three one-act plays in May. A special program, including "The Pampered Darling," a one-act play about a problem brother, was arranged for the exchange assemblies with Dunellen, Scotch Plains and New Brunswick.

Again, at the end of the school year, the club made a trip to New York to see a stage play. This was one of the highlights of the year's activities.

The officers for this year were Mary Ann De Andrea, president; Joyce Buchanan, vice-president, and Betty Ann Zyfers, secretary-treasurer.

### THE SENIOR PLAY

The Senior Class presented the comedy of a teen-ager's homelife, entitled "Junior Miss," in the Van Kirk Auditorium on March 14 and 15. The play, directed by Miss Talbott, was cast as follows: major parts Betty Simms, June Potter, Margaret Murphy, Irene Povenski, Pat Schofield, Paul Nielsen, Eddie Jacobsen, and Bill Koster; minor parts (boy friends of Lois and Judy, a janitor, Al, and a Western Union boy) Sandford Cole, Harry Lopez, Bud Oehlers, Ronnie Thomas, Jim Beagle, and Rudy Peins.

The stage manager, construction engineer, and business manager were respectively: Marty Totin, Steve Nemeth, and Karl Sagmuller, while Russ Laustsen was in charge of lighting effects.

The play was highly successful and gave evidence of close cooperation among the people involved.



# SHORT STOPS

Do you remember Rosie? She was the blonde-brunette, short-tall girl who couldn't pass a single subject but loved M.H.S. anyway for the fun she had there. She couldn't get Latin but she looked nice in a leotard and could leap gracefully, so she practiced every Monday, Wednesday and Friday with Miss McCready and the Modern Dance group. She was even good enough for two special programs the group presented. Rosie found math a bore but she could stand for hours watching Mary Ann DeAndrea lead the twirlers at football games. Those majorettes, in their blue and white uniforms, really did something to her. Rosie could have practiced her typing at noon on Thursdays but she couldn't resist going to the noon dances and watching the Stardusters instead. She managed to get dance dates when the Stardusters were playing, too. But can you blame her? When March 15 rolled around, Rosie had failed so many tests, her father said she couldn't go to the senior play, but her teachers signed a petition for her and she laughed over "Junior Miss" for a week after she saw the performance.

P.S. Rosie will have to attend summer school but she doesn't care. The fun she had was worth it.







## MUSIC

Inspired by the presence of Mr. Atkinson, the new music teacher from Highland Park High School, the music department went to the top this year. Its three main divisions were the Girls' Glee Club, the band, and the orchestra.

The Glee Club made its debut at the Thanksgiving assembly with the singing of "We Gather Together." Its second appearance was at the Christmas assembly when the girls sang the traditional Christmas carols. At each of these appearances the club was accompanied by Irene Povenski, who also played at all rehearsals, which were held every Tuesday and Thursday noon in the music room. The club also sang for special programs and for the annual Baccalaureate services in June. The only student officer was a secretary, Barbara Straight.

Do you remember "the half" at the Sayreville football game? Everyone was tense. Reason? Our band was going to play for the first time. Our very own band. And then we heard it. Were we proud?! We were all ears for the peppy marches and all eyes for the equally peppy uniforms of blue and white of the Twirlers and players alike. Parades were the pride and joy of our bands and the student body; there was the Memorial Day parade and the one for the Band Boosters' Club. The band rehearsals were held twice a week, when announced, in the music room and, on clear days, on the playground. Like the Glee Club, the band had but one officer, who in this case was Frances Fielding, secretary.

We also had a very active school orchestra this year. For every assembly the members were right on hand, and we entered and made our exits accompanied by music.



There was every instrument from French horns to bells. Also, for noon dances and evening dances, the swing section of the orchestra furnished easy-to-dance-with numbers. The secretary of the orchestra was Paul Nielsen and the librarian was Katherine Schuster. Rehearsals were held twice a week as announced.

Solo musicians also provided us with entertaining music during the year. June Potter sang, accompanied by Eddie Jacobson, and Eddie himself gave several wonderful piano solos.

At the Christmas assembly Frances Fielding and Barbara Straight sang a duet. Piano duets were played by Robert Ritter and Eddie Jacobson. Frances Fielding, Barbara Straight, Katherine Schuster and Theresa Barath formed a quartet which sang for the P.T.A.

At each assembly Paul Nielsen gave the "Call to Colors."

As this yearbook goes to press, the music department is planning a concert for the spring, which will include the Glee Club, the band, the orchestra and those students who take special lessons during their music or study periods.





## P.T.A.

The Metuchen High School Parent Teacher Association this year enrolled 285 members, 47 of whom were men.

The officers were Mrs. Walter K. Nelson, president; Mrs. J. D. Fennessy and Miss L. Haitzsch, vice-presidents; Mrs. Louis Kahn, recording secretary; Mrs. William Harhan, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. H. Gordon Drysdale, treasurer.

The prime purpose of this organization is to promote close understanding relationships among teachers, students and parents.

This year's theme was "Know Your School." To this end, students participated in meeting programs, and parents and teachers co-operated in the work of the executive board. This was especially notable in the way membership, program, and hospitality chairmen worked together.



## PATROLS

The Safety Patrol of Metuchen High School keeps students from loitering in the halls of the school during the noon hours. It also helps to keep the grounds around the school clean. It functions under the House of Representatives, of which Miss Dobbins is faculty adviser. This year, Anthony Taglioboschi was captain.

There is also a patrol called the Hall Patrol. It is under the Senate and operates to keep the halls orderly during the passing of classes. Mr. Graham is faculty adviser in the senior high school and Miss Gentile, in the junior high school. Pupils alternate every two weeks for duty on the Hall Patrol. Betty Simms was captain this year.









# THE SENIORS VOTE

GIRL		BOY	GIRL		BOY
	<i>Did Most for the School</i>			<i>Teachers' Torment</i>	
Mary Ann DeAndrea		Randy Branwell	May Farrington		Ernie Moryan
	<i>Best Looking</i>			<i>Most Studious</i>	
Dolores Kinder		Bill Cronk	Erika Elling		Claude Lucinskas
	<i>Most Talented</i>			<i>Class Angel</i>	
June Potter		Eddie Jacobsen	Mildred Cillis		Claude Lucinskas
	<i>Wittiest</i>			<i>Most Dignified</i>	
Claire Venett		Art Pavluk	Pat Schofield		Carl Sagmuller
	<i>Best Sense of Humor</i>			<i>Nicest Personality</i>	
Elizabeth Semchuk		Art Pavluk	Elizabeth Semchuk		Steve Nemeth
	<i>Best All Around</i>			<i>Nicest Eyes</i>	
Elizabeth Semchuk		Steve Nemeth	Joan Wilbert		Harry Lopez
	<i>Nicest Smile</i>			<i>Most Ambitious</i>	
Mildred Kieser		Ernie Moryan	Marty Totin		Carl Sagmuller
	<i>Most Popular</i>			<i>Most Serious</i>	
Mary Ann DeAndrea		Steve Nemeth	Mildred Cillis		Claude Lucinskas
	<i>Best Dancers</i>			<i>Gift from Heaven</i>	
Elsie Johnsen		Jack Boedinghaus	Ann Sieber		Ronnie Thomas
	<i>Best Dressed</i>			<i>Class Couple</i>	
Erika Elling		Bill Cronk	Sue Letson		Harry Lopez
	<i>Most Likely to Succeed</i>			<i>Most Creative</i>	
Erika Elling		Carl Sagmuller	Dolores Kinder		Bill Wickberg
	<i>Best Athlete</i>			<i>Most Mischievous</i>	
Rosemarie Linczyk		Steve Nemeth	May Farrington		Art Pavluk
	<i>Class Baby</i>			<i>Most Respected</i>	
June Potter		Bob Dohrman	Irene Povenski		Carl Sagmuller
	<i>Quietest</i>				
Mildred Cillis		Claude Lucinskas			
	<i>Noisiest</i>				
Joan Gilbert		Art Pavluk			
	<i>Class Flirt</i>				
Elsie Rasmussen		Herb Oehlers			
	<i>Best Orator</i>				
Marty Totin		Paul Nielsen			
	<i>Most Sophisticated</i>				
Pat Schofield		Bob Rodman			
	<i>Cutest</i>				
Jean Roxbury		Ken Poulsen			
	<i>Most Bashful</i>				
Mildred Cillis		Bill Bors			
	<i>Most Sensible</i>				
Irene Povenski		Carl Sagmuller			
	<i>Laziest</i>				
Margaret Donnan		Bob Rodman			
	<i>Teachers' Pet</i>				
Betty Simms		Bill Cronk			

## CURRENT TOPICS

Favorite Branch of Service .....	Navy
Biggest Name in the News .....	President Truman
Favorite Radio Program .....	Requestfully Yours
Favorite Comedian .....	Bob Hope
Favorite Columnist .....	Walter Winchell
Favorite Radio Commentator .....	Walter Winchell
Favorite Movie Star .....	Ingrid Bergman, Gregory Peck
Favorite Orchestra .....	Vaughn Monroe
Favorite Song .....	Let It Snow
Favorite Magazine .....	Seventeen
Best Picture of the Year .....	"Bells of St. Mary's"
Favorite Comic Strip .....	"Blondie"
Most Outstanding Event to Class of '46 .....	Junior-Senior Prom
Class "Hangout" .....	Forsgates (Mr. Dee's)





To those talented people in Metuchen High School, whose yearnings are toward being the Hemingways, Benchleys and Shaws of the next generation, we devote this section. They may never achieve their aim, but if their whimsy ever turns to seeing their thoughts in print, they need only drag out the old Blue Letter and read to their heart's content.



## SENIOR CLASS WILL

We, the seniors, replete with shorthand forms, trig formulas and atomic power, leave this, our last will and testament, in the hope that it will guide each junior to the light.

To Pat Amick we leave a candy store; Jane Anderson—Texas; Margaret Anderson—success always; Francine Averbach—the high school office; Robert Barrett—a car; Kenneth Bauman—an appreciative audience; William Baylis—a house for his harem; Lois Bell—the "Third Pond"; Barbara Berger—a make-up kit; Inge Bernhold—a place in the "Met"; Robert Birmingham—Henry Street; Jean Boice—"Danny" Boy; Mary Ann Britton—a "page boy"; Emily Bryant—a snood; Joyce Buchanan—New Year's Eve; Mary Burns—a finished story; Anna Carey—more friends like Milly; Dot Carollo—a bowling "alley"; Ellen Christopherson—fire plug.

Betty Coffey—Adler's elevated; Mildred Coppola—no Latin homework; Wilma Cornelison—that blue "Olds"; Ruth Cortright—"Don"—cha know?; Joan Culver—a "White" Christmas; Alice Davala—anything she wants; Doris Denea—the shy ones; Cecily Dessel—German Club; Wynetta Devore—Scotch Plains games; Calvin Drake—brunettes; Florence Diering—everything; Margie Dickson—Watchung Avenue Rink; James Dougherty—a steady; Peggy Doyle—megaphone; Bonnie Drysdale—February fourteenth; George Dudas—a beard; Catherine Dunn—her dearest wish; Andrew Elko—a "Varga" girl; Lewis Erle—a Varsity letter; Lawrence Ferrari—stilts; Bruce Freeman—Deutsch; Evelyn Giambrone—heels; Robert Gilbert—girls; Charles Griffin—"Shun" shine; Marion Hagedorn—a new laugh; Katherine Haley—personality; Donald Hall—ping-pong trophy; Patsy Harhan—two in love; Arthur Harmon—a shoe store; Gertrude Hildegaard—a man of her own; Richard Herner—more dances.

Jean Louise Herold—a "Huff" and a puff; Maybelle Hoskins—Maybelline; Richard Huff—Abbott's ice cream; Adeline Interdonato—free gum; Patricia Iselin—the "Water Boy"; Bernice Jackson—boy friends; Betty Jones—vitamins; Dorothy Kalkanis—good health; George Kasharian—better days; Allan Koba—success always; Margaret Kresky—Uncle "Don"; Howard Krommes—"Mutual" friends;

George Laday—lots of work; Ethel Larsen—a date book; Stanley Linczyk—a non-leak car; Steve Lorincz—a harem; Jeanette Maglione—Teen Town; Edward Marzella—more pep; Josephine McRae—a D(r)ink; Valentine Meszaros—Bonny Blue Eyes; Janice Misell—smiles; Arthur Modder—a good joke; Ruth Morris—cosmetics; Jean Myers—letters; Lydia Neureuther—blush remover; Eleanor Nicholson—Elizabeth Arden; Alan Nielsen—a line; Edith Neitzold—German Club treasury; Ernest Pape—a tall girl from Dover; Ann Pascall—friends, always.

Joseph Perry—a darling to pamper; William Perry—merit badges; Rudolph Petersac—a pancake "Turner"; Alden Peterson—a voice; Edward Pfannkoch—noise; Arthur Pohle—"Reiter's" cramp; Joseph Portash—a short girl; Rose Quagliariello—Claire Booth's job; Joan Reiter—a ten foot "Pole"; Michael Rektenwald—phone numbers; Alzadah Remley—the grocery boy; Margaret Rhodier—courage; Helen Rolfe—a "Newman"; Martin Roth—a silent day; Allean Ross—"Candy"; Grace Rowley—stockings; Joan Ruttiger—phone calls; Grace Salamone—that tall man; Frank Seaster—Waves; George Selenko—a basketball manual; Olga Semchuk—the C.A.P.; Frank Schade—a girl; Jean Schuster—"Harmon" watches; Kathrine Shuster—the Goodman touch; Richard Smith—a gun; Phylis Smith—a "Boarding House"; Robert Smithson—sophomore girls; Marion Solt—mirror; Lorraine Stallings—Bill(s); Alicia Steeves—knee socks.

Edward Steingrebe—timber; George Steves—history class; Dotalia Stokes—jewelry store; Ray Stuart—a blonde; James Summers—conservation socks; Claire Schleicher—home in California; Eugene Teruli—a pencil; Jack Thomas—geometry; Jean Thompson—co-eds; Walter Tkachuck—a simpler idea; Evelyn Turner—chemistry class; Joyce Tyrrel—that angelic look; Ronald White—groceries; Nancy Will—another hayride; William Wilson—more hair cuts; Marion Wolf—"Cool Water"; Malcolm Wolfman—transcendentalism; Eugene Woodward—a date; Ruth Worley—"Bob"-by pins; Robert Viquerat—Shakespeare; Malvin Schwalje—scholarships; Richard Zigmont—sketch pads; Betty Ann Zyfers—a steady.



# SENIOR VIGNETTE

*The Time:* Sometime after graduation.

*The Place:* The American office of the Lloyd Insurance Company of London.

*The Characters:* William P. Koster, executive  
Phyllis Varga, his secretary

W. P. Koster: "Well, Miss Varga, which matters have we to consider this morning?"

Miss Varga: "Mr. Koster, several applications for insurance came in over the weekend. These people want to apply for insurance against the following liabilities:

Carl Sagmuller—wearing the same tie twice; Mary Ann DeAndrea—dropping the baton; Dorothy Kaepernik—scanty wardrobes; Nancy Lou Abbot—lighter lipstick shades; Donald Arnold—smashed fenders; Gloria Arrojo—closing Roosevelt Park; Harold Babcock—the ones that get away; James Beagle—banning of Digger O Dell; Helen Bereheiko—dull moments; Marjorie Birmingham—bobbed hair; Jack Boedinghaus—drooping shoulders; William Bors—a career in chemistry; Randy Bramwell—a non-opportune statement; Mary Anne Brown—jitterbug casualty; Mildred Brown—losing her typewriter; Barbara Bruner—heart trouble; Larry Calbon—profanity on his part; Jean Carolla—Bob playing on Friday and Saturday nights; William Carter—ties you can look at; Don Chambers—flies on his garbage scow; Helen Christensen—losing her personality; Mildred Cillis—bad disposition; Beverly Clausen—a dull smile; Sandford Cole—dissolving the Jolly Boys' Club; Larry Cordery—sea voyages; William Cronk—becoming secretary of the Y.M.C.A.; Donald Davis—being fired by Thomas Bread Co.; Donald Day—paying for a dance; Gerald Day—damage done by dancing; Ruth Dedicus—straight hair; Margaret Donnan—becoming a restaurant owner; Robert Dohrman—the Thuggee cord breaking; Erika Elling—being anything but a success; Virginia Falkiewicz—not being a swell girl; May Farrington—missing pedestrians while driving; Rose Fendeis—a variety of earrings; Blanche Flash—being sued by Winchell; Jean Fralley—blushing; Gerry Gibbs—gray hair; Joan Gilbert—orthodox hairdos; Edith Goldsmith—men becoming extinct; Marilyn Goldsmith—an uproar; Marion Gulton—that pronunciation of Gulton; William Gulya—loud plaid shirts; Chris Hansen—striped backgrounds; Neal Hansen—peroxide monopoly; Robert Hansen—getting like Chris;

Virginia Hauck—ban on permanent waves; Vivien Herrick—summer freckles; Della Horn—gaining inches; Eddie Jacobsen—playing piano in Siberia; Claudia Janisch—rationing of typewriters; Robert Jensen—hard work; Elsie Johnsen—no one to dance with; Herbert Kanis—changing from the swell fellow he is; Mildred Kieser—falling leaves; Dolores Kinder—a broken cane; James Knox—a drink from his uncle's tavern; Mary Kramerich—becoming talkative; Russell Lausten—another ride in the Blue Ugly; Suzanne Letson—dark roots; Rose Marie Linczyk—missing the basket; Harry Lopez—another snarkmobile; Claude Lucinckas—making noise; Joan McCarthy—marrying anyone but a Kelly; Eleanor Michels—losing Wilma; Ernest Moryan—turning blonde; Margaret Murphy—lack of poise; Steve Nemeth—ceasing to be liked by everyone; Paul Nielsen; laryngitis; Jean Nothnagel—damp weather; Herbert Oehlers—work; Marie O'Reilly—(we leave redheads alone); Arthur Pavluk—becoming a Dick Tracy Character; Rudolph Peins—having to shave; Marguerite Pepin—a quiet time; Jeannette Pipik—losing an argument; June Potter—grass skirt catching fire; Ken Poulsen—straight hair; Irene Povenski—extermination of pianos; Elsie Rasmussen—gaining weight; Alice Ready—powder shortage; Mildred Reick—high heels; Robert Ritter—the Pox; Robert Rodman—too many dates; Jean Roxbury—shortage of sophomores; Betty Runyon—clash of colors; Frank Scarpelli—failing to wow the girls; Barbara Schofield—an allergy to boys; Pat Schofield—a shiny nose; Wilma Schullenback—cure for growing pains; Howard Schwalje—breaking potter(y); Elizabeth Semchuk—loneliness; Marion Sersick—late buses; Marilyn Sheridan—being overlooked by the males; Ann Sieber—short sweaters; Betty Simms—boys who wink; Fred Strakele—ace dropping from sleeve; Lorraine Thierry—slow motion; Emma Thomas—losing her quiet nature; Ronald Thomas—stabbing the picture; Margaret Totin—not having h(u)rd much lately; Claire Venett—marrying a five-footer; Robert Wagner—moving away from Menlo Park; Donald Walp—losing his charm; Natalie Walsh—not having gum; William Wickberg—growing; Ioan Wilbert—her lipstick wearing off; Margaret Williamson—marrying a farmer boy; Virginia Woodson—stilts becoming the style; Rose Yatszyn—poor spellers.



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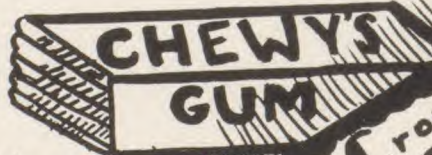
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For today we raise,  
The blue and white,  
Above the rest (above the rest?)

And into the fray,  
Col-ors high  
Our spirit never will say die,

We've got the team, rah-rah,  
We've got the steam, rah-rah,  
Metuchen's out to win today.  
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Dynamo, let's go,  
Dynamite, let's fight,  
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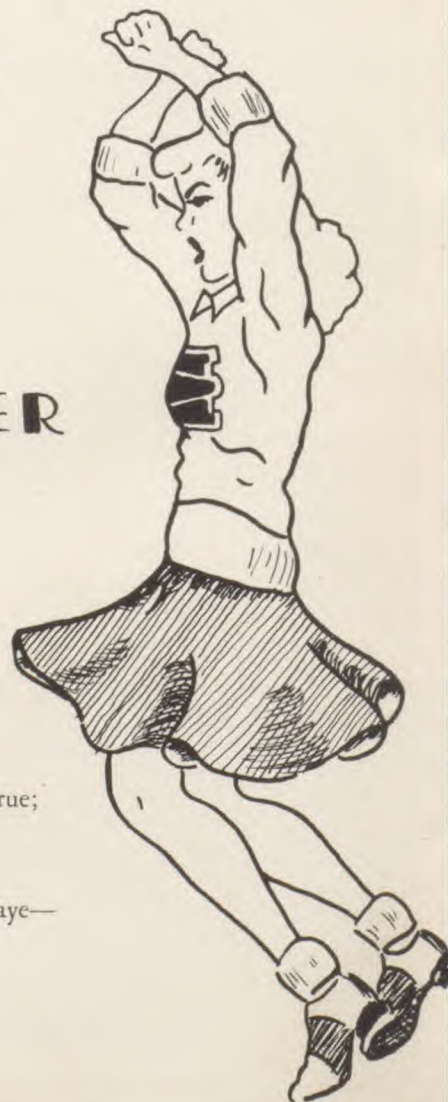
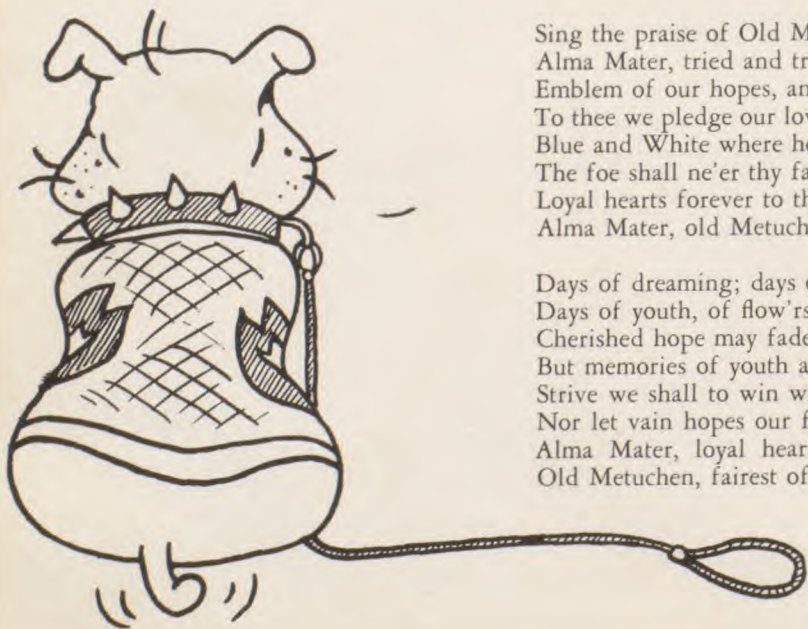
## COME A VIVO

Come a vevo, come a vivo,  
Come a vevo, vivo, vum,  
Come a seven, Come eleven  
Come a rickety, rickety, shackety town  
Who can pull Metuchen down?  
No one, no one, no one.

## ALMA MATER

Sing the praise of Old Metuchen High  
Alma Mater, tried and true;  
Emblem of our hopes, and fondest dreams,  
To thee we pledge our love anew.  
Blue and White where honor leads the way  
The foe shall ne'er thy fame deny;  
Loyal hearts forever to thy name shall sing—  
Alma Mater, old Metuchen High.

Days of dreaming; days of work and play;  
Days of youth, of flow'rs and May;  
Cherished hope may fade, nor dreams come true;  
But memories of youth are gay.  
Strive we shall to win where honor calls,  
Nor let vain hopes our faith impair.  
Alma Mater, loyal hearts shall praise for aye—  
Old Metuchen, fairest of the fair.





## Our Sentimental Journey

High School! These are just two simple words and yet they symbolize the best days in anyone's life. The seniors realize this especially; they have been in high school for four years, and toward the end have been counting the weeks until graduation. The last week arrives and something happens; something hits them inside. As they practice how to walk down the steps in the auditorium so that they won't stumble on Commencement night, they think to themselves, "In another week I shall have no cause to be in this building any more. I shall not see my school friends here again and I shall no longer be a mighty senior. There will be no more dances, no more victory jubilees, no more assemblies and no more special senior privileges." They think these thoughts and sigh regretfully. I know these things will happen to me only too soon, and so I resolve to make the most of my school days while I am here. I am glad to be a freshman and just beginning this sentimental journey.

BARRY QUINN, '49

## Another Kind of Journey

They're coming back! Their journey is over; ours hasn't begun. Our journey will be easier than theirs, for we must merely hold on to what they have worked so hard to save.

What am I saying? Don't you understand? Well, listen, fellows.

A few years ago a lot of boys and girls left our town and others like it, to bring home peace to the world. I said that they are coming back. I made a grave mistake. Some of them are coming back. What they left and are coming back to may seem very trivial, but not to them.

For instance:

We played football last fall; we struggled hard against Highland Park and other rivals. It was tough and it was fun. The boys were tired after those games. But they, the soldiers, the sailors, fought bigger battles and were always tired. We sat in our gym and shivered, watching the game. But our friends overseas would have given any-

thing to have been here, even if it was cold.

Ah, yes! Those long periods of Latin! We thought we'd never get out. But where were they? They were sweating it out for longer periods in P.W. camps, on hospital ships, and behind smoking guns in Europe and the Pacific. We had to use our brains in school. That's a joke. How about those fellows running the war, yes, behind desks?

You see! They gave up movies, dances, school, and all the fun we have had. Now they are coming back to lead our country in its affairs. They'll never recapture the fun of being in high school and doing the things we've done. They can only hope that what they've done will guarantee happy, uninterrupted high school years for their children. We who have stayed at home and in school must help to make this hope a reality. They did it for us and we must do this for them.

LARRY LA GATTUTA, '48

## To a "Mann"

Horace Mann thought school was a super invention;

But he didn't know there would be detention—  
Forty minutes for those who are tardy and bad.  
More if you persist in being a cad.

Passes for classes and passes for court

Make school life a nuisance instead of sport;  
And then there are pets who are usually pests,  
Who'll never help others in exams or in tests.

In some ways, Mr. Mann, your creation is screwy,  
And at times what we say about school is, "Oh,  
Phooey!"

But what would we do without your invention;  
Even with all the bad faults we could mention?

NANCY WILL and HELEN ROLFE, '47



## The Merry Widow

On a cold, bleak night, the moon is full while clouds are drifting by. Two figures move in the still of the darkness. With hunger strong upon them, they are on their way to murder a "Merry Widow."

As they make their way down Main Street, the wind whistles through the "Brainy Borough." The street lights are dim as they run toward the building looming before them. And then as they open the door, they can see the "Merry Widow."

They close the door with care and move in quietly. A loud voice greets them with "What do you want?"

Still shivering, they reply in a meek voice, "We want a Merry Widow with plenty of whipped cream, please!"

Boy, did they murder that "Merry Widow" in the Metuchen Sweet Shop!

JOSEPH PERRY AND GEORGE DUDAS, '47

## The Sense of Being Afraid

Have you ever been afraid? I mean really afraid, not just frightened or startled by a big noise or the like. Have you ever been "scared stiff" of something you can't see or feel? Well, I have and it's no fun. It's the feeling that, "This is it; it's all over now."

It usually comes on slowly with a feeling of unrest, a feeling of vague discontent. You feel you should turn back but a morbid curiosity drives you on, a curiosity for—the unknown. Now your steps feel more unsure. You seem to grope rather than walk as before. Then an empty feeling creeps into the pit of your stomach.

You find your hands trembling. Your breathing is fast, heavy. On your forehead tiny beads of perspiration form and run down your white face. Every muscle is tense. Every bit of strength is brought to bear just to keep going, step by step. Your head is thrust slightly forward; your eyes

bulge trying to penetrate the total blackness. You put your clammy hand to your head. You try to think, to reason.

Suddenly—a noise! Your mind races. Your whole body trembles. With your last ounce of strength you bring yourself up. You bolt! Your feet can't seem to run fast enough. Finally you are away and safe again, away from fear.

SANDFORD COLE, 46

## A Protest

Ram it in, jam it in,  
Children's heads are hollow;  
Slam it in, cram it in,  
Still there's more to follow.

Hygiene and history  
Asiatic mystery,  
Algebra, histology,  
Botany, geometry,  
Latin, etymology,  
Greek and trigonometry.

Stump it in and pump it in,  
Children's heads are hollow.  
Scold it in, mould it in,  
All that they can swallow;  
Fold it in, hold it in,  
Still there's more to follow.

Faces drawn, pinched and pale  
Tell the plaintive, piteous tale;  
Tell of hours robbed from sleep,  
Robbed from meals for studies deep;  
All who 'tween these millstones go  
Tell the selfsame tale of woe;  
How the teacher crammed it in,  
When their heads were hollow.

DONALD KAHN, '48



## Nature and Music

The familiar strains of the "William Tell Overture" echoing through the Concert Hall give one a feeling that he will never forget.

When I hear the soft, sweet melody of the violins, I visualize a warm, summer afternoon. The sky is bright blue and filled with fluffy, white clouds. Suddenly, I hear the rumbling of drums in the distance. A storm is approaching. The drums become more intense, trumpets screech out flashes of lightning, and the storm is here in all its fury.

Then in a short time, the lightning ceases, the rumbling of thunder echoes into the distance and I suddenly hear the soft, mellow tone of the oboe bringing the golden sunlight from behind the clouds. The storm is over and once again nature is at peace with the world.

EDDIE JACOBSEN, '46

## Lunch Time—Not So Sentimental

All is quiet and peaceful. The halls are empty, and the sun streams in to lie in golden pools of tranquillity upon the floor.

Suddenly a bell rings. Doors fly open and the roar of voices accompanied by deep thunder, as of a herd of elephants, comes nearer, nearer, NEARER! Around the corner and into sight surges the mass. It gallops by, followed by a few stragglers, running as hard as they can, small paper bags grasped tightly in their hands. As the roar passes away, there is a dead silence. Cautiously a few heads peer out of the doors. The sun, although no longer golden, but rather white and worn, again is reflected on the floor. As the dust slowly settles, the remaining survivors breathe a deep sigh of relief. The peril of lunch time has passed. Now, those who eat at home may proceed safely on their way, but life, for them, is dull; lunch is not a dangerous goal to be fought for until won. Shamefacedly, they leave the building, while upstairs, exultant laughter proclaims the victors in the cafeteria.

JANET MESEROLL, '48

## Winter Scenes

I think that the most beautiful sight I have ever seen was a nearby wood after an ice storm.

Millions of twigs imprisoned in their glittering cylinders were twinkling as they touched one another. Here and there on the snow covered ground could be found curved sheets of ice that had fallen from a complaining tree.

Th brightness of the sun on the millions of reflecting surfaces wasn't harsh as might be expected, but was soft and subdued. The sunlight flooded into every nook and cranny of the woods and made the morning seem warm even though the thermometer hovered near the zero mark.

An ice storm is a rare phenomenon, but its results leave a lasting impression on all those who are fortunate enough to see it.

LARRY CARLBON, '46

## As I See School

### *The Morning Homeroom Period*

Jokes and laughter tossed about as grain to the wind.

The hurry scurry of getting prepared for classes. The Re-uniting of chums for the day.

### *Classes*

The alternate moods of a teacher as changeable as the weather.

Sighs, mingled with an undercurrent of whispering.

The impatient glances at the clock.

### *The Cafeteria*

Heart-warming smells issuing from the kitchen.

The rush for chairs and friends.

The happiness of freedom from restraint.

### *Three-Elven*

The ringing bell producing something like an electric shock,

Pupils rushing by like a flood of water,

Tugging and pulling their coats in a fever of impatience.

JANE MYERS, '49



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